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Mass killer harboured lasting grudge against women

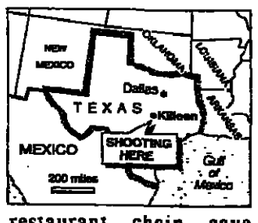
From MARTIN FLETCHER IN KILLEEN, TEXAS

GEORGE Hennard, perpetrator of the deadliest mass shooting in American history, was an angry, aggressive loner who harboured a deep grudge against women, his neighbours and the local authorities, it emerged yesterday.

As the devastated people of this town in the heart of Texas thought to comprehend the tragedy, police seeking a motive for Hennard's murderous rampage through Luby's Cafeteria said that hate letters he had sent female neighbours and his arguments with Bell County authorities were being investigated but they still had no idea what had prompted his actions.

The extraordinary story of Wednesday's massacre, which left 22 dead and ended in Hennard's suicide, continued to unfold. As he calmly selected his victims, Hennard told Anica McNeil to take her four-year-old daughter out of the restaurant. A restaurant employee was found alive early yesterday morning in the industrial dishwasher where he had hidden to escape Hennard's rampage 19 hours earlier. Another employee may have saved her own life by spending two hours in the restaurant's freezer but required hospital treatment for hypothermia.

In Killeen yesterday people wept, the streets were almost deserted, flags flew at half-mast, the churches announced a prayer vigil and the Luby's



restaurant chain gave $100,000 to open a memorial fund for the victims' families. The dead were aged from 34 to 70 and included teachers, educational administrators, a high school football coach, a nurse and a Vietnam veteran from the Fort Hood army base abutting the town. Fourteen were women, eight were men, two of the 25 injured are in a critical condition.

Francis Giacomozzi, the Killeen police chief, said Hennard was a 35-year-old white unemployed former merchant seaman who lived alone in his parents' former home in an affluent area of Belton, a small city 18 miles to the north-east. He had been arrested in 1981 for possessing marijuana but had no criminal record.

However one neighbour, Jane Bugg, said Hennard had some time ago taken a fancy to her two daughters. Last June he sent them a rambling letter stating that he had found "the best and worst of women" in Texas ... "Please give me the satisfaction of some day laughing in the face of all those, mostly white, treacherously female vipers ... who tried to destroy me and my family."

Neighbours said he had argued with them and the authorities about a collapsed wall in his garden. His answering machine said: "Yo Cuz! You've reached public street. Leave your name, number, time and date and we'll respond. Hang-up phonecalls though are absolutely unacceptable and you'll get bugged, too, if you continue to do so."

Luby's 296-seat cafeteria was said to be three-quarters full when Hennard drove his pick-up truck through a plate-glass window into the restaurant.

Hennard was armed with two 9mm semi-automatic pistols, a Lugar with 15 rounds, a Glock with 17 rounds and three spare magazines for each. By the time he killed himself he still had about 27 unused rounds.

Some diners were killed or injured as his truck crashed through the window. Witnesses said he then walked coolly through the restaurant, picking his victims.

Armed police officers arrived ten minutes after the rampage began and started firing at Hennard. Wounded, he crawled back towards the lavatory and, lying on his back, fired a single shot through his right temple.

Texas gun laws place no prohibition on the purchase of guns. A large hoarding outside D's Pawnshop on the way into town was still offering shotguns for sale from $69.95.

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George Hennard: a 1987 picture released by police

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TV-am fall breaks Thatcher's heart

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MARGARET Thatcher, architect of the widely criticised ITV franchise auction, yesterday accepted part of the blame for TV-am losing its licence.

In a handwritten letter to Bruce Gyngell, the TV-am chairman, she said she was heartbroken and mystified by the Independent Television Commission's decision, adding that she was "painfully aware" of her responsibility for the franchise law.

Mrs Thatcher's letter, on House of Commons notepaper, was hand delivered to Mr Gyngell's Chelsea home late on Wednesday night. She wrote: "Dear Bruce: When I see how some of the other licences have been awarded, I am *mystified* that you did not receive yours, and heartbroken. You of all people have done so much for the whole of television — there seems to have been no attention to that.

"I am only too painfully aware that *I* was responsible for the legislation. Yours, Margaret."

Mr Gyngell, who said he had replied with a simple "Thank you, Margaret", disclosed the contents of the letter at a journalism awards luncheon sponsored by TV-am at Claridge's in London. He defended his company's record saying it was the most profitable station in the world and the only one to achieve a 72 per cent market share. Then, after sitting down, he rose again to say: "There's something else. I have this letter which I would like to read to you."

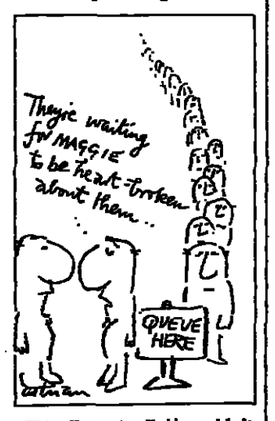
Mr Gyngell became known as Mrs Thatcher's favourite broadcaster after a bitter strike that resulted in the dismissal of 229 TV-am technicians in 1988. Soon afterwards Mrs Thatcher, whose daughter Carol works as a freelance journalist for TV-am, described the broadcasting unions the last bastion of restrictive practices in Britain.

Yesterday, her letter was greeted with a mixture of incredulity and anger by both winners and losers in the franchise auction. Richard Dunn, the Thames chief executive who was one of the leading lobbyists against the highest bid system, said: "The former prime minister is not as 'painfully aware' of this as we at Thames Television are." Thames lost its licence yesterday after being outbid by Carlton Television.

David McCall, chief executive of Anglia TV, one of the winners, said: "If she favoured the highest cash bidding system, she shouldn't be surprised at the loss of TV-am. It was the inevitable result. Now she obviously thinks TV-am should have been retained on its merit. If she had accepted what the ITV Association had advocated in the first place — rolling contracts at a set price, accountability to a regulator and takeovers — then TV-am would not have lost its licence."

Greg Dyke, London Weekend Television's chief executive, said: "Some of us tried to explain to the government at the time that the results of the franchise process that they were introducing would be irrational — and they were. I don't remember the government listening too hard then."

Earlier, he told Anne Diamond on a TVS programme that the present government



will "tell you 'well, it wouldn't happen today'. If I was Thames or TVS or one of the others that lost, I would say 'well, thank you very much'. It was a ludicrous system from the beginning."

But senior ministers yesterday defended the tender system, saying they could not

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Back to school: Norma Major, wife of the prime minister, chatting to children from the St James Mission School near Nyamanohlova in southern Zimbabwe.

At the Commonwealth conference in Harare, John Major announced yesterday that Britain is to go ahead with plans to cancel debts owed by the poorest Third World states.

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BR drops liability clause

Rail passengers may be compensated under strictly defined circumstances, reports Michael Dynes

British Rail is to abandon the notorious cast-iron conditions of carriage that have absolved it of any liability for late and cancelled trains since nationalisation in 1948.

BR's revised conditions of carriage, which will be published in December, are expected to acknowledge liability in certain strictly defined circumstances, and provide passengers with a guide to the type and levels of compensation available.

Liability will be restricted to direct loss, enabling passengers to claim compensation for the cost of rail journeys subject to delays or cancellations. It will not cover consequential loss, where passengers suffer further because of late or cancelled services.

The initiative is expected to become one of the cornerstones of the citizen's charter, unveiled in April by John Major as part of the government's pledge to improve public services, although BR had begun work on the scheme of its own volition in January.

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Jobless rise slows down

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government yesterday welcomed as an "unmistakeable" sign of the end of the recession the smallest rise in unemployment for 11 months after the seasonally adjusted number out of work showed a much lower increase than expected.

Government and City forecasters had predicted a rise of another 60,000, but the seasonally-adjusted increase for September was only 35,700, to take the total to 2.46 million. Even so, the rise — the 18th consecutive monthly rise — was the third-highest post-war September increase and took unemployment to the highest for three and a half years.

In the Commons, Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, accused the government of "doing Britain down" as unemployment increased. Mr Kinnock said: "The longer this Cabinet hangs on to its jobs, the more other people are going to lose theirs."

John MacGregor, leader of the Commons, said Labour would "lose more jobs more permanently".

Government concern about the political impact of unemployment was indicated when Conservative party officials used statistical data not formally published by the government yesterday to show what they said was the decreasing impact of unemployment in Tory constituencies. They said that unemployment in September fell in 189 constituencies, including six of the ten most marginal Tory seats and 29 of 65 Tory seats with majorities below 5,000.

The lower-than-expected increase sits oddly with a stream of job loss announcements.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said that taken with rising exorts and orders, and improving business and consumer confidence, the lower unemployment figures were "unmistakeable signs of the end of the recession"

Unadjusted "headline" unemployment increased by 15,568 to 2,450,689, a rate of 8.6 per cent.

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Virani company raided

By ANGELA MACKAY

THE offices and homes of one of Britain's richest Asian families, the Viranis, were raided yesterday by the Serious Fraud Office and City of London police investigating the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

The raids started at 7am and continued throughout the day, resulting in the seizure of more than 20 bags of documents. The Viranis' listed company, Control Securities, a property and leisure group, lost almost £4 million when the scandal-ridden BCCI was shut by the Bank of England in July. The family lost deposits of £5 million.

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No looking back for Osborne's angry O'Toole

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

TWO of the theatre's most volatile personalities have collided, causing an explosion which will leave several angry men feeling older and one lady feeling anxious.

John Osborne's long awaited sequel to *Look Back in Anger* will not now be opening at the Liverpool Playhouse on November 13 thanks to "irreconcilable differences", said the theatre, between the playwright and Peter O'Toole, who was to have starred in *Déjà Vu* as the older Jimmy Porter, the angry young man he last played in 1959.

"Peter wanted changes to the script which John was not happy about," said Ian Kellgren, artistic director of the Liverpool Playhouse. "The changes were made, but Peter was still not happy and the relationship finally fell apart."

Bill Kenwright, the impresario and executive producer of the Playhouse, was last night trying to find a replacement. "This was going to be a great box office success, but now I will lose money. How much will depend on what we can get instead," he said.

There is also said to have been disagreement between writer and actor about O'Toole's commitment to the play. "Peter has a film coming up in 1992 and John felt he ought to be keeping next year free in case the play has a long West End run," said a mutual friend last night.

The Liverpool Playhouse was saved from bankruptcy earlier this year by the intervention of a court-appointed administrator and sponsorship from, chiefly, Littlewoods Pools. *Déjà Vu* was to have been a spectacular return to box office solvency. "This is disastrous for us," Mr Kellgren said. "It was due to be here for three weeks and was the highlight of our first season after the rescue. All our leaflets have got Peter O'Toole's face on them. Rehearsals for Déjà Vu were supposed to have started last Monday. The trouble is that with the demise of repertory theatre commodity is the thing and Peter O'Toole was a wonderful commodity."

The line from Philip Adler, O'Toole's agent, is different. "There is no disagreement, no animosity between anyone," he said. "They mutually agreed that it just wasn't right for this time and they would try to do it later."

Peter O'Toole's most recent stage appearance has been in *Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell*, but he has had less acclaimed West End appearances. In 1980 his *Macbeth* at the Old Vic was a critical disaster, the stage flowing with gore which the actors slipped on, blundering into the set, to the disdain of critics and delight of capacity audiences.

O'Toole: wanted changes to Osborne's script

EC orders a halt to £500m road schemes

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY AND MICHAEL DYNES

WORK should stop immediately on three road schemes costing more than £500 million that are the subject of environmental disputes, including the extension of the M3 motorway through Twyford Down in Hampshire, the European Commission told Britain yesterday.

Carlo Ripa di Meana, the European environment commissioner, made the unprecedented request in a personal letter to Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, which accompanied the formal opening of infringement proceedings against Britain for allegedly violating an EC law requiring detailed environmental assessments of construction projects.

In a conversation yesterday with Peter Price, the British Euro-MP, he indicated that if the request was not complied with, the commission would consider seeking an injunction from the European Court of Justice to halt work.

As well as the £36 million Twyford Down scheme, Sig Ripa di Meana is asking for a halt to work on the £300 million east London river crossing road. This will cut through Oxleas Wood in southeast London, the last significant remnant of ancient woodland in the capital.

The third scheme is the £200 million Hackney Wick link road to the M11 motorway in northeast London, which campaigners claim will destroy local communities and cut across parts of Epping Forest, Hackney Marsh and Lee Valley regional park.

Preparatory work has begun on the M3 and M11 schemes; nothing has yet been done on the project affecting Oxleas Wood.

The government is also charged with failing to translate correctly into British law the 1985 Environmental Impact Assessment directive in more than a dozen separate sets of regulations.

Last night the government countered the allegations, saying it had implemented the directive in good faith and that the dispute was essentially a technical one. Ministers will be studying the position today.

Mr Price, who has been at the forefront of the campaign to save Oxleas Wood, said: "I am delighted, and I hope that this may yet save a unique woodland, which is a major asset to Londoners."

Andrew Lees, campaigns director for Friends of the Earth, said: "The commissioner has thrown a spanner into the government's misguided, dead-end road policy which is trashing the countryside."

Salmon drift nets banned

By MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE use of drift nets to catch salmon off the northeast coast of England should be phased out, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, told the Commons yesterday. The announcement delighted rod anglers, who have long campaigned for drift netting to be banned, but commercial fishermen accused the minister of "craven political expediency".

Drift-net fishing for salmon has been been banned off Scotland since 1962, but is permitted off Northumbria and Yorkshire under strict controls. England, Ireland and Greenland are now the only countries in Europe still allowing salmon to be caught in this way.

Unveiling a long-awaited review of the salmon fishery, Mr Gummer said there was no evidence of an immediate threat to salmon stocks but that management would improve if drift netting ended

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Switching off: David Nicholas, who made ITN a leading force in British news gathering and, according to Margaret Thatcher, "without a penny of taxpayers' money"

ITN pioneer steps down after 30 years

"He *was* ITN," colleagues said. **Melinda Wittstock** on the retirement of Sir David Nicholas

SIR David Nicholas's lifetime dedication to Independent Television News could not have been more apparent in the early hours of Monday, August 19. Who else at ITN could have been relied upon to be listening to Radio Moscow at 5am other than the 61-year-old chairman, who promptly woke up ITN's editor with news of the Soviet coup.

"It has happened before on many stories," says Huw Robert, ITN's spokesman and a fellow Welshman. "David goes to bed every night with a radio earpiece so he can pick up stations around the world. He is a consummate newsman and radio is his hobby. Just the other day, he was swapping wavebands with the head of information at Scotland Yard."

Regarded as one of Britain's most influential figures in the evolution of television news, Sir David retires today after three decades in which he has been ITN's deputy editor, then editor and chief executive, and finally chairman.

As his friend Sir Alastair Burnet said at Sir David's leaving party at the Savoy last Monday, Sir David was "often the only visible force driving ITN". A highly-competitive newsman, particularly when it came to scooping the BBC, Sir David pioneered election-night computer graphics and technological innovations such as electronic news gathering (ENG) and its satellite precursor (SNG). "He *was* ITN," many colleagues say.

When Sir David arrived as a sub-editor in 1960, ITN was a struggling appendage of ITV, putting out fewer than ten minutes of news a day. It was transformed into a national institution by Sir David's launch, in 1967, of *News at Ten*.

Colleagues are saddened that Sir David's distinguished career with ITN should have ended as the news organisation he built was plunged into financial chaos by an unforeseen £7.6 million overspend in 1989/90, blamed primarily on expensive coverage of revolutions in Eastern Europe.

The overspend infuriated ITN's ITV company shareholders, already angered by Sir Alastair's support for the government's decision to make ITV sell 51 per cent of its shareholding.

Sir David's resignation, along with that of Sir Alastair, was announced in June amid sinking morale among ITN staff and bitter infighting on ITN's board about editorial overspending. Over 135 compulsory redundancies soon followed.

But on Monday night, all was forgotten as politicians and Britain's broadcasting establishment gathered to pay tribute to Sir David.

John Major, attending the Commonwealth conference, could not be there but he sent his regards in a special video made by ITN staff, saying: "I don't believe that it is fanciful to say that above all other people, you're responsible for the fact that ITN has become one of the great television companies of the world." Neil Kinnock was next on the video, followed by Mrs Thatcher. "We would like to thank and congratulate David Nicholas for his enormous contribution. It has been done without a penny piece of taxpayers' money," she said as the room erupted in laughter.

Sir David, who lost his chance to become chairman of an ITV company when C3W failed to oust HTV in Wales and the West, says he has "no immediate plans beyond buying a boat". ITN will announced his successor as chairman early next year.

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Police fear for tunnel security

Police chiefs disclosed yesterday they are asking the government for new powers to stop and search trespassers found in the Channel tunnel (writes Sheila Gunn).

Before the 1993 opening, Kent police want to tighten the Police and Criminal Evidence Act to cope with the unprecedented risks.

At a meeting of the Commons home affairs committee in Maidstone County Hall, Kent, Paul Condon, the county's chief constable, said some French police officers stationed in Folkestone will carry guns. British police at Coquelles will not be armed.

Top award for Times writer

Michael McCarthy, environment correspondent of *The Times*, has won the national newspaper journalist of the year award in the annual British Environment and Media Awards sponsored by Johnson Matthey and Media Natura, the conservation awareness trust. The citation said he was chosen for his "consistently keen political grasp of environmental matters and his news perception".

Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent of *The Times*, received a special mention yesterday in the TV-am broadcast journalists' awards for her "consistently intelligent writing".

Wittstock: special mention for intelligent writing

Home Office seeks to cut prisoners in police cells

By QUENTIN COWDRY AND STEWART TENDLER

THE Home Office is considering emergency measures to reduce the number of prisoners being held in police cells, and chief constables yesterday decided on an urgent approach to the home secretary for more action to relieve pressure on their forces.

Less than three weeks after the postponing of the closure of a jail and the deferring of refurbishment of 200 cells at Brixton jail, in south London, to provide more prison beds, the number of prisoners held by police for the Home Office stood at 1,809 yesterday. Chief officers now fear that they are close to crisis point unless the Home Office acts quickly, and they yesterday decided to send Brian Johnson, chief constable of Lancashire and the new president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, to see Kenneth Baker, the home secretary.

Prison officials are seeking short-term ways of increasing capacity. Options include freezing refurbishment schemes, deferring the closure of another jail and using army camps as temporary prisons.

Some police forces have already designated stations to house only Home Office prisoners. Yesterday, when chief constables met for a session of Acpo's council, there was anger at the pressure on police. Some prisoners are having to be transported long distances, using valuable manpower, and chief constables are distressed that measures already announced have failed to solve the problem.

The Home Office said an unexpected sharp rise in the jail population had made officials consider new steps.

Recession strikes the professions

PROFESSIONALS who for so long could only sympathise with the unemployed are now able to empathise with their plight after gaining first-hand experience.

According to a survey by the magazine *Accountancy Age*, more than a quarter of City accountants fear for their jobs and only insolvency fees lighten the gloom. Nationally, it predicts one in ten – about 50,000 – jobs in banks, building societies and finance houses will have gone by 1995.

Noel Howell, of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union, said: "We can't remember a butchery like it." Barclays was cutting 17,000, National Westminster 12,000, Midland 3,000 and the TSB 1,000, while the Co-op Bank planned 25 per cent cuts.

Claire Austin, of the British Institute of Management, said tens of thousands of jobs had gone in the past 18 months. British Gas, BT, BP and British Home Stores had cut whole layers of management.

The number of businesses going into receivership in the first three quarters of this year rose 70 per cent on the same period last year, and the number of personal bankruptcies almost doubled over the past year. Especially vulnerable were individual traders, entrepreneurial businesses who had succumbed to high-interest mortgage rates.

Although businessmen complain that commercial lawyers continue to charge up to £300 an hour, the legal profession has not escaped unscathed. The Law Society has announced 50 redundancies among its 600 staff in a move to cut £3 million from next year's budget, while hundreds of solicitors are unable to find jobs and are not renewing their certificates.

Architects say it is the worst recession they can remember, with one in five out of work. Commissions have fallen by 53 per cent in Scotland and more than 20 in London, the Midlands and East Anglia. The office building boom of the Eighties has fallen away and a depressed housing market has cut the private sector by more than a third.

Highly qualified staff are among thousands of civil engineers who have lost their jobs. The latest *Engineering Economic Trends* report said a further 90,000 jobs would go over the next 12 months on top of the 150,000 lost in the past year. That would reduce engineering employment to 1.84 million against three million in 1980.

More than four out of ten repossessed houses are mortgaged by professionals, say the building societies, with accountants 15 times more likely to lose their homes through arrears than unskilled workers.

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CORRECTION

A line was omitted from the anniversaries of October 15. The entry should have read Raymond Poincaré, president of France, 1913-20, Paris, 1934; Pierre Laval, head of Vichy government 1942-44, executed, Paris, 1945.

'Councils deprived of freedom'

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE chairman of the Bar Council yesterday accused the government of undermining the principle of local democracy and called for greater freedom of action for local authorities.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, told senior district council officers at their annual conference in Bath that people were no longer free to decide how their council should be run. Poll tax capping and increased legal powers taken by ministers had made local elections increasingly irrelevant and deprived councils of their independence.

He also criticised the role of the Audit Commission in issuing legal advice supporting government policy. It had become another method of getting local authorities to toe the line without having to legislate, he said.

Calling for a new commitment to local democracy on the part of ministers, Mr Scrivener said councils should be given greater freedom to administer their own affairs. In particular he urged the repeal of the ultra vires doctrine under which councils are restricted to doing things that they have been given specific legal powers to do.

By allowing them a general power of competence, as the Labour party proposed, councils would be given similar freedoms to those enjoyed by private companies that can do anything that is not illegal. That would lead to accountability to the local electorate even if it meant local policies were not those favoured by the party in control of central government.

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Refugee made the long haul from 'Hardship Lane' to SW1

Virani: started with London grocery store

Nazmu Virani, as head of Control Securities is the leading Asian at the helm of a public company in Britain, writes Louise Hidalgo

NAZMU Virani is the archetype of someone who, against all odds, clawed his way to the heights of British industry.

He arrived in Britain 19 years ago, a penniless refugee from Idi Amin's campaign of terror against Uganda's 60,000 Asians. He would recount how he was forced to flee at "bayonet point" after a Sikh neighbour was shot dead by soldiers, and how, with his wife, Yasmin, and 18-month-old daughter, Shaila, he was nearly turned back on arrival in Britain for lacking proper papers. It was only when an immigration officer noticed the baby was ill that temporary admission was granted. In ten years he rose from owning a grocery store in south London, grudgingly leased to him by a Hampstead property owner to whom he still sends champagne and cigars every Christmas, to become, according to a *Sunday Times* survey this year, one of Britain's richest Asians with a personal fortune of £60 million.

Mr Virani, aged 43, has attributed his fortune to buying and selling property that Britain's property establishment would not touch. "We deal in other people's rubbish," is how he described Control Securities, the now troubled property group with headquarters in SW1, which he turned into one of Britain's top 20 property firms.

"We have connections in the mosque and the temple with buyers of these types of property, which the big boys in the property world do not have," he is quoted as saying. At one point, Control registered 17,000 private shareholders, including 28 pages of Patels.

After his first supermarket in Lordship Lane, Dulwich, – which he refers to as Hardship Lane – Mr Virani built up a chain of 19 retail outlets and a flourishing cash-and-carry business before branching into hotels and then, with the purchase of Belhaven Brewery in 1988, into breweries and public houses. His empire includes the Holiday Inn hotel in Marble Arch, 11 hotels in Spain and more than 300 pubs.

Mr Virani would buy up inner-city pubs, brand them and transform them. He bought property portfolios wholesale from the likes of British Land and would sell them on to entrepreneurs. He worked hard, on average 18 hours a day, and struck a hard bargain, according to business associates. But he is well liked among both the business and Asian community, counting among his friends Gerald Ronson, Godfrey Bradman and Tony Clegg. When his younger brother married last year, he invited Margaret Thatcher to the 1,000-guest reception at the Grosvenor House Hotel.

His charitable donations to universities and hospitals and work with the Prince of Wales' Youth Business Trust, for which he raised £5 million and was chairman of its Community Affairs Initiative, last year earned him Asian of the Year award.

In July, he headed a trade delegation to Uganda, at the invitation of the country's president, to discuss ways of reviving its ailing economy.

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Inspectors say CTC lessons in technology sub-standard

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

BRITAIN's first city technology college, described by government ministers as a "beacon of excellence", was criticised yesterday by Her Majesty's the inspectors of schools for sub-standard lessons in technology.

Kingshurst CTC in Solihull, West Midlands, which opened in September 1988, was also criticised for a "lack of clear and coherent planning" in science and "less than satisfactory" lessons in modern languages, with teachers unable to use the language fluently and conducting many lessons in English.

Examining technology at the school, the inspectors say: "The good work in information technology is not matched by similar standards in technology as a whole... The consequent lack of co-ordination results in little understanding about what is expected of students."

Valerie Bragg, the principal, accepted criticism of design technology classes saying that the national curriculum requirements had not yet been decided and that the lessons were now being adjusted to meet those demands. She rejected criticisms of modern language teaching as her three specialists were away from the college at the time of the week-long inspection and the classes were taken by other teachers.

Mrs Bragg agreed that the college had still not hit on a satisfactory way of helping both the most able and the least able pupils. "Mixed ability teaching is always difficult and we are looking at ways of improving things."

She said that overall the report had been favourable to the college. "We are very pleased with the report. It would have been impossible to have recieved a wonderful report after only eight terms."

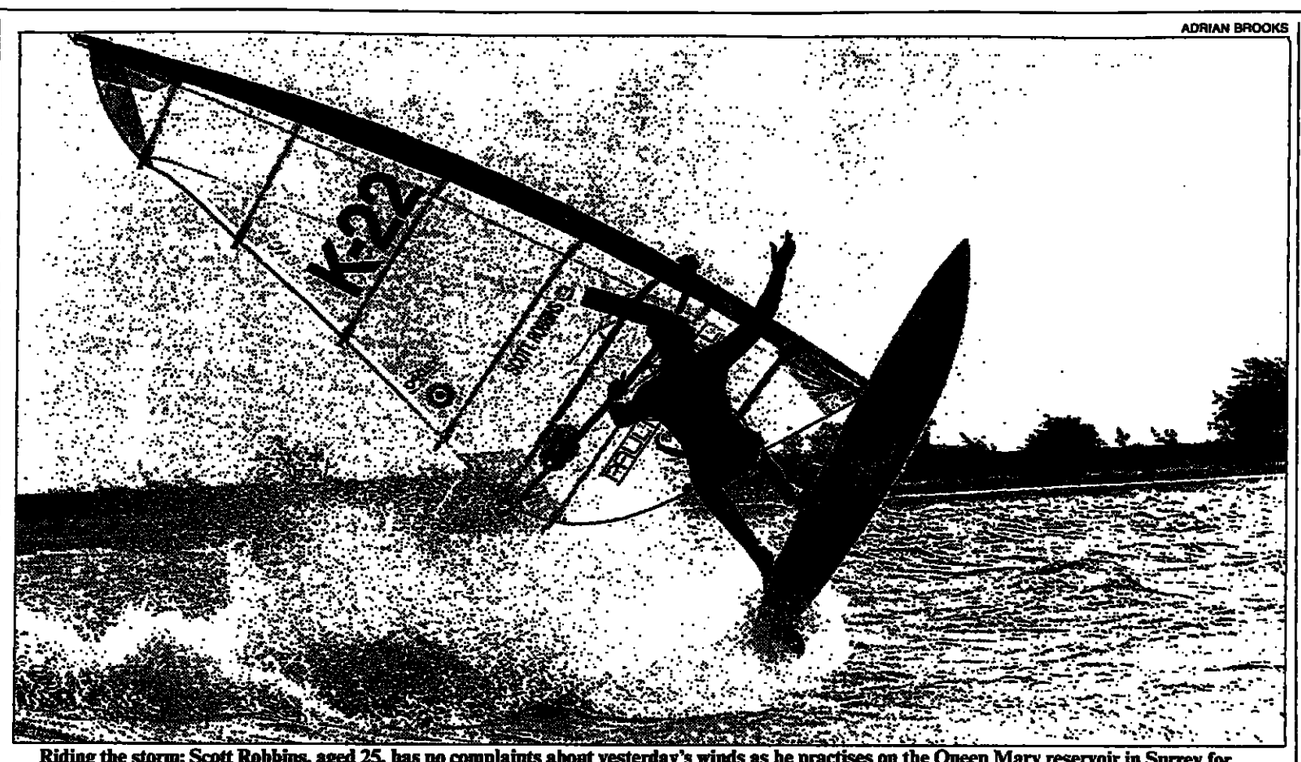
The controversial colleges, which cost an average £7 million each, have failed to attract the industrial sponsorship intended to meet 80 per cent of the start-up costs and all the running costs of the 13 now open in England and Wales. They have been consistently attacked by the Labour party which is pledged to scrap the CTC programme.

Jack Straw, Labour's front-bench education spokesman, said: "This report is a serious embarrassment for the government because the inspectors are critical of Kingshurst teaching in technology – just what it was set up to do in the first place. The report shows that this first flagship CTC is failing to live up to expectation on almost every count."

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, accepted that the report highlighted some weaknesses but said that the inspectors had praised the college on the maturity and enthusiasm of its students and on the speed with which the college had established itself as a popular school.

● Middlesex Polytechnic, north London, is to shed 90 jobs, half from among academic staff, due to financial problems caused by its recent expansion.

ADRIAN BROOKS


Riding the storm: Scott Robbins, aged 25, has no complaints about yesterday's winds as he practises on the Queen Mary reservoir in Surrey for next week's British windsurfing championships at Bournemouth. At time he became airborne on gusts of up to 50mph

Alcohol test loophole upheld

A LEGAL loophole that cleared the boxing promoter Frank Warren of a drink-driving charge was upheld by the High Court yesterday in a judgment that could lead to hundreds of successful appeals by convicted drink-drivers.

Warren was arrested after a roadside breath test proved positive. But he was cleared by Bow Street magistrates on January 22 because officers did not comply with a legal obligation to ask whether he would prefer to give a urine or blood sample. The Director of Public Prosecutions appealed against the decision.

Mr Justice Potts was told yesterday that Warren, aged 38, of Tewin Wood, Hertfordshire, was charged with driving in Mayfair, London, while over the drink driving limit and taken to Vine Street police station.

Mr Potts made clear that when it was found that a breath test could not be taken at the police station because the intoximeter was faulty, the custody officer should have given Warren the opportunity to say whether he preferred a blood or urine sample to be taken.

Afterwards a legal spokesman said there were hundreds of cases since 1987 where drink-driving offenders had been convicted and had not been given the opportunity to give their preference over a blood or urine sample. They would now be able to appeal against their convictions.

Poll backs university investment

By JOHN O'LEARY
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SEVEN out of ten people would be willing to pay higher taxes to maintain the quality of British universities, according to a poll published today.

Almost nine out of ten of those interviewed by Gallup early this month saw increased investment in higher education as vital to Britain's economic prosperity.

The majority of almost 1,000 interviewees, including a third of Conservative supporters, felt that universities' achievements had been undervalued by the government. Similar proportions thought that university research received too little public money.

Diana Warwick, general secretary of the Association of University Teachers, which commissioned the poll, said: "These results must persuade policy makers that election manifestos supporting investment in higher education will be vote-winners. We have been saying for a long time that science is suffering, that standards and quality depend on investment."

☐ Yoko Ono has kept a promise to Liverpool with a £405,000 gift to its university. Proceeds from a trust fund will provide John Lennon scholarships for students unable to afford to study at it.

Bishop warns dean of commercialism

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Salisbury has condemned the increasing use of the city's 13th century cathedral as a place of entertainment and profit.

In a report published today which will be seen as akin to Christ's throwing the moneylenders out of the temple, the bishop warns the dean and chapter against the commercialisation of cathedral activities.

But he recognises that the staff have been forced to turn to Mammon by the enormous burden of their cathedral stewardship. The Rt Rev John Baker says cathedral staff cannot assume today that visitors understand why there is a cross on the altar. He questions how many visitors know what a cathedral church, or even a diocese, is in the Church of England. He says that the financial needs of the cathedral appear to have taken over to such an extent that the overwhelming impact on the visitor is of appeals for money. He warns that the temptation of using the drawing power of the cathedral to finance its work can result in decision-making being controlled by the need for money.

Bishop Baker: against charging for entry

The bishop carried out a "visitation", or inquiry, into the cathedral at the invitation of the dean and chapter. In the 31-page report he objects to proposals in the "highly contentious" Rothermel Thomas study on management of the close.

The bishop declares himself against charging for entry and against the development of a separate visitor centre and restaurant which, he says, could deter visitors from entering the church itself. The cathedral authorities ought to phase out such features, not build them up. "There should be a warm welcome and basic amenities, no more," he adds.

The bishop criticises the lack of material explaining the church's mission and the religious meaning of features of the cathedral.

He attacks the use of the cathedral as a place of entertainment. Using it as a venue for the *Antiques Roadshow* was "crossing the wrong side of even a necessarily broad and hazy line", he says.

Coroner attacks cash delay

THE coroner holding an inquest on Penny Bell, the businesswoman found stabbed to death in her Jaguar car in a west London car park, yesterday criticised a rule that holds up insurance payments to a murder victim's family.

More than four months after Mrs Bell's death insurance companies had not made payments to her family because no death certificate had been issued. Dr John Burton, coroner for Hammersmith and Fulham, who recorded a verdict of unlawful killing on Mrs Bell, aged 42, of Denham, Buckinghamshire, attacked the rule that in a murder case death can only be registered when a person is charged with homicide or an inquest is completed.

The Association of British Insurers said the terms of a policy laid down what documents were required for proof of death and establishment of the claim. "An interim death certificate is not the same as the actual one, and it's up to the company to decide whether it can bend the rules in each case."

After the hearing Mrs Bell's husband Alistair, aged 44, said he would never lose hope that the killer would be traced.

Ill wind blows in twitcher's 'disease'

By TIM JONES

THE storm that has been battering parts of Britain has brought with it good news for thousands of amateur ornithologists – and bad news for their employers, who may find a mysterious increase in days lost to "illness".

Throughout the land, from the Isles of Scilly to lonely Loch Iubhair, near Crianlarich, rare birds are landing unexpectedly and people afflicted with twitchers' disease are driving through the night to track them down and render their temporary domiciles even less restful.

It can be no fun being a Pied-billed Grebe or a Sora Rail, a secretive marsh bird with only 12 sightings recorded in the UK over the past 150 years. One minute, you are a young bird enjoying a comfortable existence in North America and the next, whoosh: you hit a 150mph air current and end up in a swamp near St Mary's, Isles of Scilly or, in the case of the grebe, on a strange lake in Scotland. Life becomes even less endurable when scores of human beings trample down the reeds and heather to take your picture and tick you off their list.

For the twitchers, the sound of a great storm sweeping in is music. Many would consider exchanging their grandmothers for the chance to drive through the night to seize the moment, while the more organised plan their holidays to coincide with the storm season.

Perhaps reflecting the general misery of life in what used to be called the Soviet Union, most of the feathered vagrants are from that troubled land. Others come from Romania, Bulgaria or Iran.

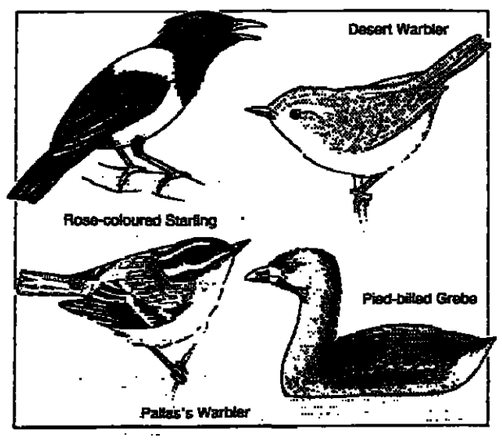
Ian Dawson, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, says that the "jewel in the crown" for any twitcher is the Desert Warbler, which can be seen at Flamborough, on Humberside's North Sea coast. It has been recorded on these shores only six times before and normally lives in the southern Soviet Union.

Sadly, many of the wayward birds are so far from their usual migratory routes that they will not survive.

There is some good news. The RSPB has praised police for 40 successful prosecutions last year, in cases ranging from egg stealing to game keepers poisoning magnificent birds of prey.

Yesterday, supporters of the society delivered 55,000 postcards to the EC environment commissioner, calling for an end to the import of birds caught in the wild.

Barbara Young, the society's chief executive, said: "The international trade in wild birds is of great concern to the British public. It has brought many birds to the edge of extinction. Only new legislation to prohibit the importation of wild birds in the community will end this inexcusable and unsustainable trade in death."



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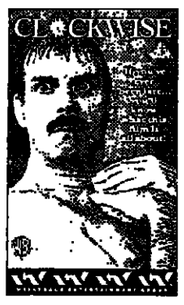

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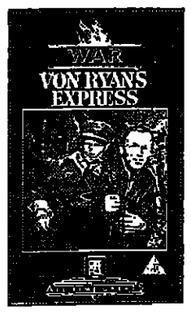

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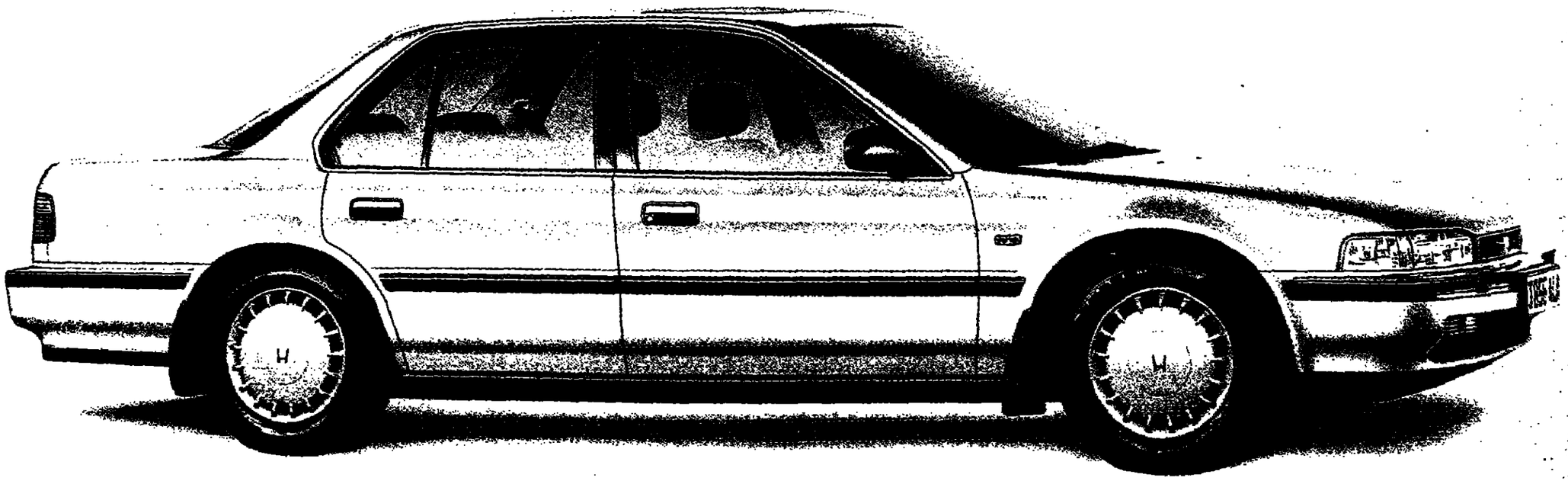

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Haughey's grip weakened by policy rift disclosure

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLES Haughey's authority as Irish prime minister and Fianna Fáil leader was badly damaged yesterday by disclosures that his finance minister had rejected his acceptance of terms for a new programme of government with the party's junior coalition partners, the Progressive Democrats.

Although Mr Haughey has survived many challenges to his authority during a long, bruising political career, colleagues and commentators yesterday began to accept that his end could be near.

The disclosures are the first concrete evidence of what many of Mr Haughey's critics have said for some time: that his authority over his cabinet has been seriously eroded. He is also seen as having shown himself not in command of events in recent months when financial scandals have damaged the government's credibility.

The Irish Press's political correspondent yesterday predicted that a leadership challenge, most probably from Albert Reynolds, the finance minister, who is often considered the favourite to succeed Mr Haughey, was imminent.

The key to the crisis, the second to threaten the Fianna Fáil/PD coalition in less than a year, is mid-term negotiations between the parties on a new programme of government that have been stalled on PD demands for radical tax reform and implementation of a strategy for dealing with public finances.

According to reports, Mr Haughey and Des O'Malley, the PD leader, reached agreement on a package on Tuesday night, but this was rejected by Mr Reynolds, who is leading the Fianna Fáil negotiating team, on Wednesday.

Mr Reynolds's move was seen by PD sources as a direct challenge to Mr Haughey's authority. Mr Reynolds was said to be unhappy about accepting a deal that would influence his budget for next year without an opportunity to test its consequences.

Negotiations continued yesterday, with PD sources saying that there were serious areas of difficulty to be overcome. The parties have until 4pm today to reach agreement when a confidence motion in the government is taken in the Dáil.

The likeliest outcome in the affair is that a deal will be reached and that the PDs will vote with Fianna Fáil, since none of the parties wants a general election that will be unpopular with the public and would overstretch all parties' depleted finances.

Mr Haughey might survive, but many observers believe that he will be a lame duck until a formal challenge is mounted later this year or early next.

People of Ulster to have a say

AN INDEPENDENT commission of enquiry into public views on a political settlement in Northern Ireland is likely to be set up early next year, its organisers confirmed yesterday (Edward Gorman writes).

The enquiry reflects widespread frustration with government policy and the failure of the province's leaders to reach agreement over 21 years. It is the idea of Robin Wilson, editor of the Northern Ireland current affairs magazine *Fortnight*, and Simon Lee, English-born professor of jurisprudence at Queen's University, Belfast.

Mr Wilson believes government initiatives have taken insufficient account of the public's views and alienated many talented people. "An independent commission of enquiry offers the best approach to secure an opening in the political logjam," he said.

The impetus for the enquiry is the recent failure of efforts by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and opinion polls showing enthusiasm for progress and suggesting that party leaders are out of touch with their supporters.

A steering group of community, church, business, trade union and academic figures is looking for up to five commissioners, at least one of whom is expected to come from each of mainland Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Republic. The chairmancould come from abroad.

Politicians have given the commission a guarded welcome.

Food exporters 'need more help'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is failing to reduce a £6 billion deficit in the food and drink trade because the government gives the industry far less financial support than its continental counterparts, according to a report yesterday.

Paul Judge, chairman of Food from Britain, the official body promoting British exports, said that the government did not appreciate what was at stake in an industry employing 1.5 million people and accounting for 42 per cent of Britain's trade gap.

"The British food industry itself must improve its marketing and export activities, but government must take responsibility for seeing that the industry competes on the same footing as other member states," Mr Judge said. Government support for agriculture was significantly lower than in other European community states. Food from Britain had a budget last year of £7.5 million, of which £3 million came from the industry and £4.5 million from the government, Mr Judge said. The equivalent French body had a budget of more than £50 million, of which £27 million came from the government, and employed 32 people in its London office. Food from Britain could only afford to base four people in Paris.

Mr Judge said a concerted effort by government and industry could eliminate the food and drink deficit within 10 years. Discussion with food companies and retailers suggested that food and drink imports, now around £12 billion a year, could be cut by about £3.7 billion, and exports raised from £6 billion to £8 billion.

Half of the imports were of foodstuffs that could not be grown in Britain but about £4.5 billion worth were accounted for by meat, vegetables and dairy products from other northern European countries.

JULIAN HERBERT

Bowing out: HMS Endurance, left, the ice patrol ship that went into retirement yesterday after 35 years' service, is passed at Portsmouth docks by Polar Circle, the Norwegian ship which will take over her duties in the South Atlantic until a permanent replacement is found

Arrested saboteurs awarded damages

By JOHN YOUNG

NINE hunt saboteurs who were falsely arrested and imprisoned after a meeting of the Old Berkeley Beagles in 1989 were awarded a total of £12,000 in damages by Aylesbury county court, yesterday.

However, the jury rejected their claim that police had deliberately overheated cells they were kept in at Aylesbury police station, Buckinghamshire.

Judge Morton Jack, who had already ruled that the plaintiffs had been unlawfully imprisoned, said the jury's task was to decide whether there was a trespass against the person by the police.

Either police were trying to hide something, and had put their heads together, which was an ugly allegation, or the saboteurs had put their heads together to come up with the overheating claim, which was an ugly allegation.

Only one plaintiff, Eric Staples, aged 25, of Swanley, Kent, claimed successfully for trespass. He said a police helicopter flew too close to him.

Thames Valley Police is considering appeals.

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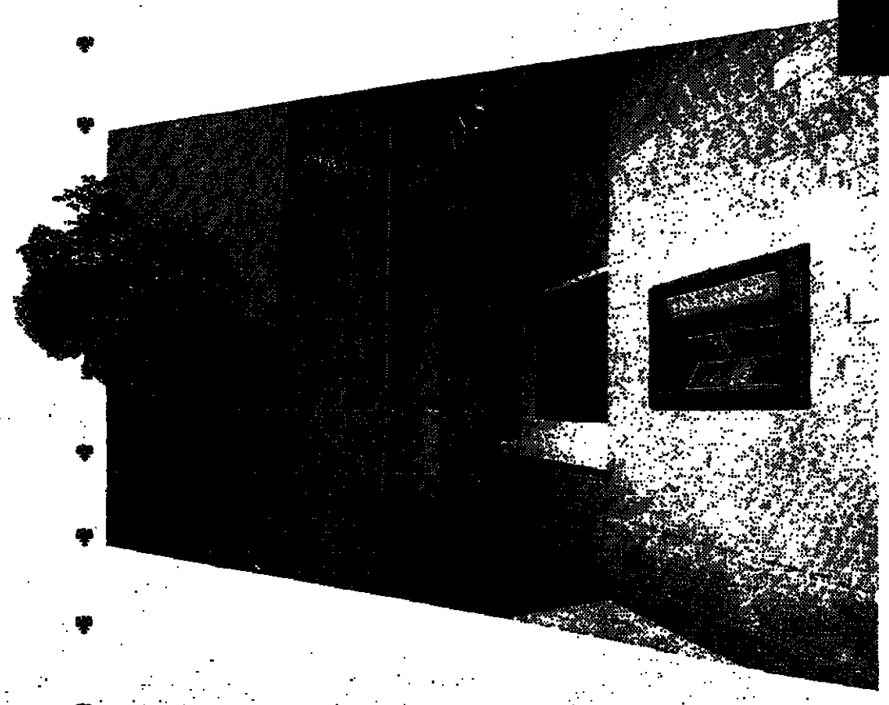

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Carey defends his attack on inner-city deprivation

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday renewed his criticisms of the poverty, social deprivation and inequalities within inner cities.

Dr George Carey, undaunted by attacks on his view that the Tyneside riots were linked to social deprivation and illiteracy, said that it was not enough to feel outrage about the violence and it was "right to be angry about inequality and injustice".

Speaking at a Church Urban Fund conference in central London, he repeated his pledge to maintain a high political profile. "The church will continue to teach and to bear witness to what the Christian faith instructs about the way we should deal with each other in society."

Of media pressure to express outrage at the riots during his recent visit to Newcastle upon Tyne, Dr Carey said: "Of course I condemn unreservedly behaviour which causes fear and danger to people, damage to property and which destroys peace and good order." Christian morality, he said, was rooted in a God of order.

"But while I want to do all I can to support order, I'm less convinced that outrage is a sufficient and adequate response to those recent disturbances or riots." He said that anger was one of the most powerful of God-given emotions. "In our personal, spiritual and public lives anger can be a powerful force, and controlled anger can do a great deal of good. It is right to be angry about inequality and injustice."

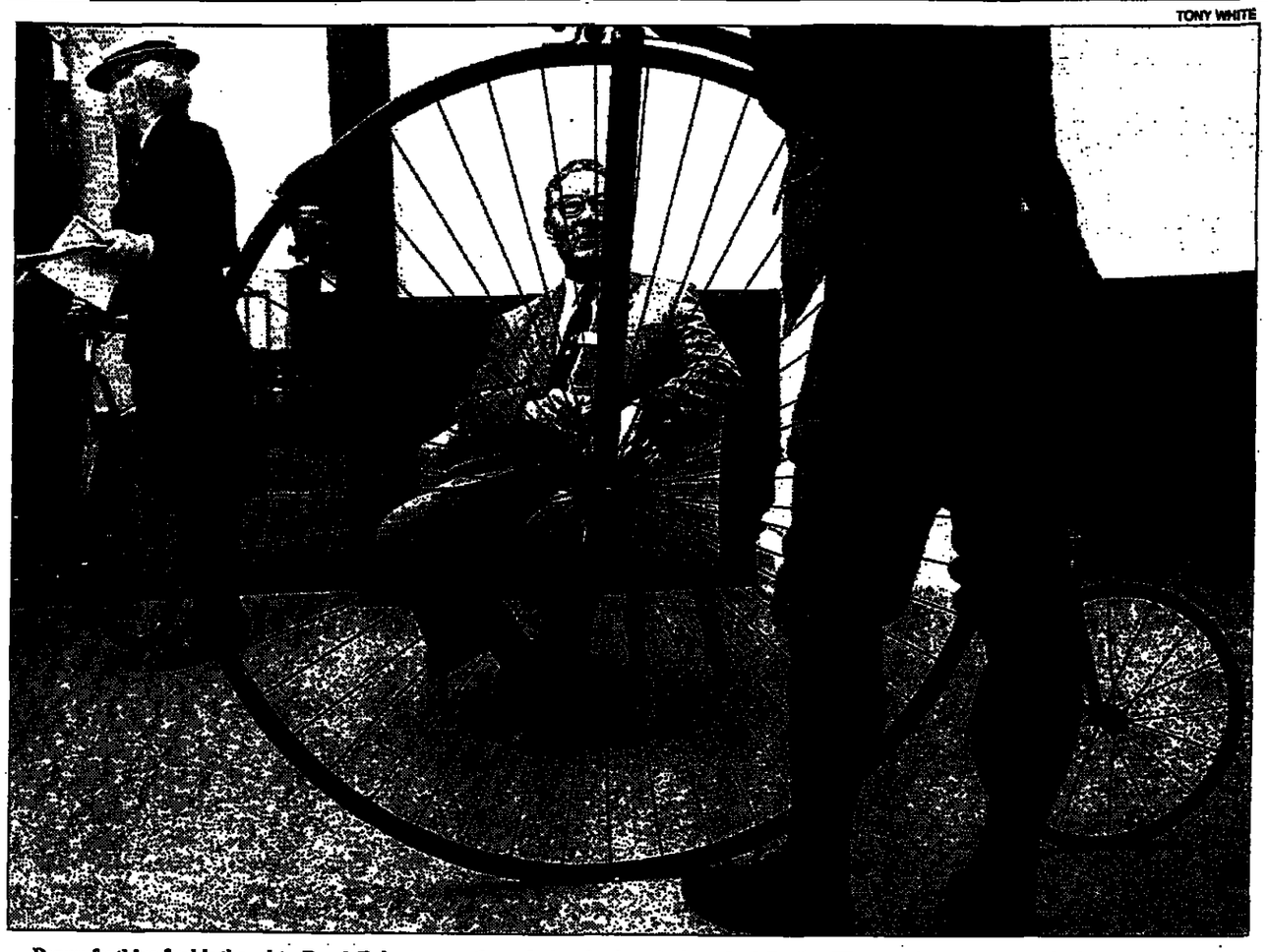
He denied that his speech contained veiled criticisms of the government and said that he welcomed its inner-city programme.

His comments, however, could not realistically be divorced from political reaction to his earlier comments, made in the wider context of a speech on education. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said that he had been waiting with increasing sadness for a senior churchman to speak out and condemn the acts of violence.

Dr Carey, referring to his critics, said: "Of course there will be differences of view. Those who take pleasure in concentrating on those differences and portraying them as conflicts will always find some grist for their mills." Although he condemned the violence and called for partnership and a "shared vision" as the key to economic and social regeneration, he spoke of the need for the church to help those who were "trapped in their anger" to learn how to express it constructively.

"The problems of our inner cities and of isolated housing estates around them are very serious," he said. "Let there be no mistaking that there are people there in great need and poverty. They yearn to live lives with the same sort of opportunities as everyone else. The future of our cities depends on finding ways of ensuring that they have opportunities to help themselves. We must have confidence and faith in those people."

Carey: "It is right to be angry about injustice"



TONY WHITE

Penny-farthing for his thoughts: Derek Roberts, seen through the wheel, at the launch of *Cycling History – Myths and Queries* (John Pinkerton, £12.95) at the Science Museum, London, yesterday. His book uses the question and answer form to trace the development of the bicycle

Timeshare 'gift' firm fined

By PAUL WILKINSON

FREE "gifts" offered to persuade people to attend a timeshare promotion cost the suppliers more than £6,000 in fines and costs at Kingston magistrates' court in south-west London. The items were intended to entice customers to promotions by Globe Link Marketing, a Surrey firm highlighted by *The Times* earlier this year for aggressive marketing.

In what is believed to be the first successful prosecution of its kind, the Exeter supplier, Flair Marketing, and its manager, Scott Tomlinson, admitted three charges each of misleading customers and were fined a total of £5,668 with £436 costs. Flair admitted breaches of the Trade Descriptions Act and the Consumer Protection Act by claiming to offer free gifts and by giving a misleading description of a video camera offered as a prize.

Ted Forsyth, director of Kingston trading standards department, said that a canvasser told one potential customer she would win a sports boat if she attended a two-hour presentation. After the presentation, however, she was told that she had to pay £48.50 to obtain it.

In January another woman was told that she had won a VHS video camera but was later told she had to pay £86 for it. The company also misleadingly suggested that the camera, which recorded in black and white, would record in colour.

William Webb, for Flair Marketing, said that the company was paid on the basis of the numbers that went through Globe Link's doors. The wording of its invitations was based on those used by other timeshare companies and it had not taken legal advice. It believed that Globe Link was marketing its produce as free gifts.

Camra fights to save 'real pubs'

By JOHN YOUNG

THE British pub is in danger of becoming a licensed amusement arcade, with video machines in every corner, or a psychedelic cocktail bar with drinks served in plastic test tubes, Jeff Evans, editor of the Camra *Good Beer Guide*, said yesterday.

At a reception to mark the organisation's 21st birthday, Camra officials said that they would fight as hard to protect traditional British pubs, many of whose tenants were threatened with eviction, as they had done to save cask-conditioned real ales from being supplanted by keg beers during the 1970s.

Mr Evans said that tenants could become an endangered species as a result of government attempts to reduce the powers of the big breweries and limit the numbers of tied houses.

The breweries were attempting to evade their responsibilities by replacing tenants with managers; tenants who elected to stay on faced rents two or three times their present level.

Policeman witness found dead at home

A policeman was found dead at home yesterday after being accused of framing a fellow officer in a court case.

PC Paul Mason, aged 43, was found dead in Heavitree, Exeter, two days after giving evidence against an officer accused of assaulting a handcuffed prisoner. PC Mason was a witness in the continuing trial at Exeter crown court of PC Bryan Hepburn, who has denied causing actual bodily harm to David Coker during a struggle to arrest him after a domestic dispute.

PC Mason said he saw PC Hepburn, aged 29, kick Mr Coker three times in the head at his Exeter home. He was cross-examined by Christopher Wilson-Smith, who accused him of framing PC Hepburn after causing Mr Coker's injuries himself.

Dealer's death

A drug dealer was killed for trying to muscle in on a south London territory, an inquest was told. Hopeton Daley, aged 30, was shot in Deptford soon after arriving in Britain from Jamaica, Southwark coroner's court was told. Sir Montague Levine, coroner, recorded a verdict of unlawful killing.

Player guilty

Sandy Robertson, a Rangers footballer, was yesterday found guilty at Edinburgh Sheriff Court of punching a woman who pinched his bottom in an Edinburgh nightclub. He was told to pay her £1,500 compensation. Katherine Egan denied making sectarian remarks against him.

Poster charge

A Sheffield man appeared in court accused of displaying posters likely to cause alarm or distress after complaints about rock concert advertising showing the moors murderers. The case was adjourned.

M27 alert

Police banned traffic from the M27 fearing that a military aircraft circling over Hampshire might have to land on it, but the pilot managed to come in at Eastleigh airport.

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By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

COMMONS

THE Labour leadership made plain yesterday that it would not co-operate with the government's attempts to push through at high speed its bill abolishing the poll tax and replacing it with a council tax.

At the same time, the government continued its fightback over the health service by portraying its decision to stage a Commons debate on health next Monday as evidence of its increasing confidence on an issue where Labour has consistently made the running. Its claim was instantly derided by Labour, which alleged that it had been pressing all week for a debate and was relishing the prospect of again taking on William Waldegrave, the health secretary, over his plans for national health service trusts.

The debate will be held on the last full day of this parliamentary session. The next session will be dominated by the council tax, and Labour sources claimed yesterday that it would be impossible for the bill to go through before next April without breaching the normal parliamentary conventions for intervals between the various legislative stages of the bill.

The council tax is the government's top priority in its new programme of legislation to be unveiled in the Queen's Speech on October 31. The government wants it to go through as quickly as possible to give John Major maximum flexibility over the timing of the election. Ministers need to get it enacted before the election to fulfil their promise that the new tax will be in operation on April 1, 1993.

Even if the bill is introduced into Parliament during the Queen's Speech debate, Labour says the accepted procedure of a gap of at least two weekends between first and second readings would mean that second reading could not come before November 11. There is usually at least a two-week gap between second reading and committee stages, making November 25 the earliest date for committee stage.

Labour claims that the only way the government could get the bill to the Lords by January would be to restrict the committee stage to between six and eight committee days because of the time needed by parliamentary draftsmen to make the necessary changes to the bill for the report stage. They add that similar requirements in the Lords and the possibility that the bill might not be popular with some Tory peers means that royal assent is unlikely before April.

Outlining Labour's strategy on the council tax yesterday, David Blunkett, the local government spokesman, said: "The mistakes of the poll tax are being revisited in the council tax and the attempt to rush it through without adequate parliamentary scrutiny, simply to provide John Major with flexibility over the election date, may prove disastrous for the government. Labour will ensure proper debate of the proposals throughout their parliamentary passage — we will not co-operate with attempts to guillotine discussion."

Mr Blunkett added: "The tragedy is that once again an opportunity has been missed to agree a durable and rational method of raising local taxes, which would have made the poll tax not merely a nightmare to be endured, but a learning process out of which could come a brighter dawn for local government."

Meanwhile, both sides were tussling for the credit for Monday's health debate. Tory MPs cheered the news when it was announced by John MacGregor, the Commons leader. However, Labour claimed equal pleasure at the announcement and said that the government had decided to hold the debate only because there was every likelihood that the Speaker would have granted a request for an emergency debate on Monday from Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary.

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Blunkett: Labour will insist on proper scrutiny

Ministers' pay squeeze causes ripple of worry

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SALARIES

DOWNING Street's disclosure that John Major is making ready to impose a further squeeze on ministers' salaries in January has sent a ripple of anxiety through the ranks of the payroll vote.

According to official figures obtained by *The Times*, the differential between the pay of ministers and backbenchers has narrowed over the past decade. Nowhere is this more apparent than at cabinet level. In 1979, the most senior members of the government were paid 2.64 times more than humble backbenchers. This year, this ratio is little more than 2:1 and, with the prime minister planning to demand that his ministerial colleagues again set an example of pay restraint, the gap will close further.

Under the formula linking MPs' pay to that of senior civil servants, MPs are assured a rise of 6.5 per cent, well above inflation. Ministers will get markedly less when Mr Major, like Margaret Thatcher before him, exercises his discretion over salary levels.

The same trends are apparent at the most junior rung on the ladder. In 1979, parliamentary secretaries earned 1.57 times more than backbenchers. Now the figure is only 1.46 times.

In the run-up to an election, Mr Major can be confident that any rumblings about ministerial salary levels will remain safely below the parapet. Nevertheless, some ministers, with memories still fresh of more lucrative days combining an MP's salary with earnings from outside interests, are showing signs of resentment.

One junior minister said that, while the occasional MP refused a government job because he could not afford the consequent drop in salary, there were many more who eventually gave up the struggle to bring up a family on between £40,000 and £60,000 a year. "There is the odd person who refuses a ministerial job because of the money. More commonly, they try to get by until their bank manager and their overdraft between them force them to stand down from ministerial office. At that point, it is not a question of choice."

A cabinet minister expressed much the same sentiments, pointing out that circumstances had changed markedly in the past decade. In previous times, when power passed fairly regularly between the two main parties, the average minister could reckon on a period out of office when, by taking on outside work, he could make up ground on his peers.

A different view came from Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, who makes no complaint about his £28,970 a year. He said that ministers muttering about their pay were the very people condemning Labour's plans for a minimum wage of £3.40 an hour for the poorest-paid workers.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Hospital drivers aided

Changes in the tax rules on car mileage allowances for hospital volunteer drivers will be phased in over a number of years, Francis Maude, Treasury financial secretary, said at question time.

Concern has been expressed since health authorities were told that volunteer drivers would have to pay tax when allowances exceeded costs.

Government help for Iraq

The government is to give further humanitarian aid to the people of Iraq, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, announced. About £500,000 is to be given to the British Red Cross for urgent medical supplies to be sent to Iraqi hospitals and clinics. The donation is part of a £1.7 million consignment of drugs, rice and tea being sent to Iraq by the British Red Cross.

Funeral fees

Funeral directors are being pressed to provide itemised estimates for funerals. Edward Leigh, consumer affairs minister, said in a written reply that he had asked the National Association of Funeral Directors to amend their code of conduct. He was still awaiting a reply.

BCCI scheme

The scheme to allow customers of BCCI in the UK to receive 75 per cent of their sterling deposits up to a maximum of £15,000 will come into operation from December 2, John Maples, Teasury economic secretary, said.

Scots Conservatives put on their guard

As the by-election nears, Scottish Tories are bracing themselves for the possible loss of their Kincardine and Deeside seat, reports **Kerry Gill**

Three weeks from today the Scottish Conservatives could well be licking their wounds, having suffered the loss of the Kincardine and Deeside by-election and seen their parliamentary representation in Scotland reduced to only nine seats. That would leave the Liberal Democrats with the second largest number of MPs north of the border.

Kincardine and Deeside is a diverse seat, covering part of Aberdeen, the small towns and villages of a farming community rolling up Royal Deeside to the edge of the Cairngorms, and the fishing villages on the North Sea coast.

Although represented for the Tories by Alick Buchanan-Smith for 27 years until his recent death, much of the area has had a strong socialist tradition. The Conservatives have also been put on their guard by the rising support for the Liberal Democrats, who hold the neighbouring seats of Gordon and Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber. There is no doubt that Mr Buchanan-Smith's hold on the seat, albeit by a majority of little more than 2,000 in the 1987 general election, owed much to his personal following and his desire often to distance himself from Thatcherite policies. Nicol Stephen, aged 31, the Liberal Democrat, was runner-up in 1987 and is widely expected to take the seat on November 7.

The Tory choice to fight the seat is Marcus Humphrey, an old Etonian laird aged 53, whose Dinnet estate marches with that of the Queen on the western fringe on the constituency. He seems as keen as Mr Buchanan-Smith was to distance himself from some of the Tories' more unpopular policies. He is opposed to the amalgamation of the Gordon Highlanders with the Queen's Own Highlanders; he has expressed his dismay at proposals to allow Aberdeen, Royal Infirmary to opt for health trust status and is believed to favour a decommissioning scheme to help uneconomic vessels to leave the beleaguered Scottish fishing fleet.

On local issues, the Tory, Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates seem to be largely in agreement, a confusing situation for the seat's 65,667 electors of whom more than a third live in Aberdeen, Scotland's third largest city. Unemployment is low — Aberdeen has enjoyed an economic boom based on North Sea oil and gas — and Kincardine and Deeside has a broad economic base ranging from the oil and gas industries to farming, forestry, fishing and tourism.

LocalTories are nervous, which perhaps is why they chose the Laird of Dinnet, an old-style Tory prepared to rebel against current party policy, although Mr Humphrey said that he wished "to nail" his image as a Tory rebel.

The candidates: Mr Humphrey, Mr Stephen, Malcolm Savidge (Lab), Allan Macartney (SNP) and Stephen Campbell (Green).

General election: A. Buchanan-Smith (C), 19,438; N. Stephen (L/All), 17,375; J. Thomaneck (Lab), 7,624; F. Duncan (SNP), 3,082; L. Perica (Green), 299. C maj: 2,063

MPs begin voting for what might be Kinnock's cabinet

LABOUR PARTY

LABOUR MPs began voting last night in elections that will determine the shape of Neil Kinnock's cabinet if Labour wins the general election (Philip Webster writes).

Thirty-eight Labour MPs were nominated for the 18 elected posts that must, under the rules of the parliamentary party, form the basis of the first cabinet.

Martin O'Neill, the shadow defence secretary, and Kevin McNamara, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, are making another attempt to be elected to the shadow cabinet. Success would avoid a dilemma for Mr Kinnock in the event of a Labour victory. Neither are elected members of the shadow cabinet and, although the Labour leader respects their abilities, he would clearly prefer to have elected figures in such sensitive posts. Mr Kinnock has little scope for personal appointments. Including himself and his deputy, Roy Hattersley, 20 of the posts will be elected and two others will be needed for the Lord Chancellor and leader of the Lords.

Mr Kinnock to appoint to his cabinet additional members who would take the salaries of a minister of state, although that would be unusual. Under the rules Labour MPs must vote for at least three women candidates.

All the present members of the shadow cabinet are standing for re-election. They are: Margaret Beckett, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Clark, Ann Clwyd, Robin Cook, Jack Cunningham, Donald Dewar, Frank Dobson, Bryan Gould, Barry Jones, Gerald Kaufman, Michael Meacher, John Prescott, Jo Richardson, John Smith, Jack Straw, and Ann Taylor.

Also standing are: Tony Banks, Tony Benn, Dennis Canavan, Bob Cryer, Tam Dalyell, Ron Davies, Llin Golding, Mildred Gordon, Bernie Grant, Harriet Harman, Joan Lestor, Kevin McNamara, Martin O'Neill, George Robertson, Barry Sheerman, Clare Short, Clive Soley, Chris Smith, Gavin Strang, and Keith Vaz.

Parliament next week

PARLIAMENT will be prorogued on Tuesday and the Queen will open the new session, the last before the general election, on Thursday, October 31.

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Debate on a government motion on the NHS.

Tuesday: Consideration of any Lords amendments to the export and investment guarantees bill.

The main business in the Lords is expected to be:

Monday: export and investment guarantees bill, third reading.

Tuesday: Debate on political union in the EC.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on the policing of London.

Park move criticised

THE government was criticised in the Lords yesterday for privatising the services in the royal parks before hearing the views of the review group it has set up to consider how the parks should be used in future (John Winder writes).

The group under Lady Jenkins of Hillhead (Dame Jennifer Jenkins) is expected to complete its work later this year. It was set up in the summer at the same time as the government announced the contracting out of the gardening and other work in the parks.

Lady Blatch, the heritage minister, said the government remained open to those who wanted to express their views. The review group had now received many suggestions.

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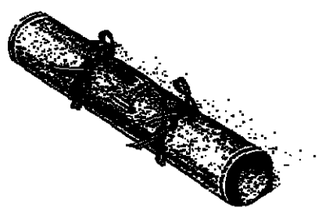

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European environment law

Heseltine seeks to expose backsliders

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

EUROPEAN Community countries that renege on their environmental commitments would be exposed in detail every year under a scheme to be proposed in Brussels by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary.

He is seeking to revolutionise EC environment policy with a monitoring programme of the green performance of all the member states, and of the European Commission itself. Such a system, he believes, would immediately tighten enforcement of EC environmental laws by disclosing annually those countries that failed to comply with them.

Although he declines to give examples, there are many flagrant failures to implement EC environmental measures, such as the Italian government's unwillingness to enforce the Birds Directive by preventing the annual slaughter of thousands of birds of prey by Italian hunters.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Heseltine said: "Many of the people who sign up to these directives don't do anything about them. We can have a position where directives are acclaimed with enthusiasm, and then shelved with dispatch, except in this country." He said that the idea that Britain was "the dirty man of Europe" was nonsense, pointing out that Britain was fourth out of the 12 member states in the present league table of compliance with community law.

To tighten compliance across Europe, Mr Heseltine wants Brussels to adopt the systematic management of environment policy he introduced in Britain this year. He is seeking a meeting with Carlo Ripa di Meana, the European environment commissioner, to propose that the commission copy his turning of the entire range of 352 commitments in the 1990 environment white paper into a list of targets with an annual, public progress report.

Ivory ban backed

BRITAIN is to send a minister to express the government's continued support for the international ivory trade ban at a UN conference that will consider reopening the trade. The move shows the government's determination to make its voice heard (Michael McCarthy writes).

Tony Baldry, a junior environment minister, will lead a delegation to the meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species in Japan next March, when six southern African countries will seek a lifting of the ban, which was imposed in 1989.

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PETER TRIEVNOR

Art regained: Anthea Pelham-Burne, left, and Valentine Walsh working at Islington Design Centre yesterday

Art fire restorers criticise planning

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

RESTORERS who undertook emergency work on paintings retrieved from last week's fire at the art shippers James Bourlet have criticised the company and loss adjusters for lack of disaster planning or precautions.

Damage by firemen's hoses could have been minimised, they say, had there been a list of restorers at hand as well as an order of priority for works to be saved. Paintings worth many millions of pounds were left to soak for 48 hours while police investigated the fire.

"I think it's a scandal that the loss adjusters didn't think of cutting down the loss by getting in conservators sooner," said Valentine Walsh.

A Bourlet spokesman said yesterday that after police permission to remove works of art from the strongroom. Bourlet's staff worked through the night of October 8-9 on a salvage operation. Specialist restorers worked throughout the next night.

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Law Society conference

Indemnity costs 'unacceptable'

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS' firms are under great strain and should no longer have to bear the costs of claims against dishonest or incompetent colleagues, Philip Ely, the Law Society president, said yesterday.

He said that during the recession the cost of staying in business had reached unacceptable levels and it was possible that some law firms would be driven out of business.

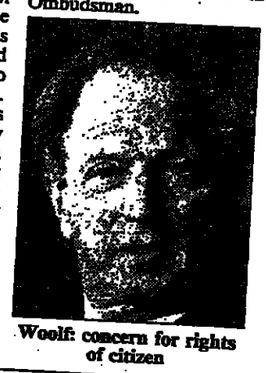
Mr Ely, addressing 600 solicitors at their annual conference in Brussels, said that one of the heaviest burdens on firms was the solicitors' indemnity fund. "Put crudely," he said, "does the existence of the fund encourage some solicitors to take risks they would not otherwise take, knowing that the rest of us are there to bail them out?"

Mr Ely outlined proposals for a cap on the amount paid out by the fund to victims of dishonest solicitors and the shake-up of the profession's compulsory indemnity fund so solicitors would have to carry a higher share of the risk.

Together, those two funds this year are expected to pay out about £160 million in claims against solicitors. "It now costs the average firm something like £27,000 per year simply to stay in practice," Mr Ely said. The total annual cost of a practising certificate, investment business certificate, indemnity insurance, and contribution to the compensation fund was £6,000 for a sole practitioner and £48,000 for a firm with ten partners. Mr Ely's speech was well received by the profession, which next year faces a 34 per cent rise in professional indemnity premiums. A partner in a small firm with an income of £100,000 is now likely to be paying £4,000 a year for insurance.

☐ Lord Justice Woolf told the conference that the lack of compensation for a citizen who had been "subject to unlawful administrative activity" and had successfully challenged high-handed or unlawful decisions by public bodies, was one of the shortcomings of the court system.

As a result, a member of the public was not in as good a position before the English courts as he would be before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg or if making a complaint to the Ombudsman.



Woolf: concern for rights of citizen

Car leaflets ruling is upheld

THE growing practice of sticking advertising leaflets under windscreen wipers in public car parks can amount to a criminal offence, the High Court ruled in a test case yesterday.

Two judges upheld a conviction by magistrates at Chichester, West Sussex, against David Hickman, a wine bar owner, for leaving leaflets on vehicles in a council car park. Mr Hickman, aged 44, of Caledonian Road, Chichester, was found guilty in June last year of "using a vehicle" while in a parking place "for a purpose in connection with trade or business" contrary to the by-laws and in breach of the 1984 Road Traffic Regulations.

In the first case of its kind to come before the High Court, Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice McCullough ruled that in law a vehicle could be said to be "used" even though it was stationary and parked.

Mr Hickman maintained that the aim of the by-laws was not to prevent leafletting but the use in car parks of vehicles with audio or visual advertising equipment.

Chichester district council, which brought the prosecution, said its primary concern was to prevent litter in Northgate car park from leaflets discarded by motorists. The judges ordered Mr Hickman to pay the council's legal costs of the appeal. The magistrates had given him a one-year conditional discharge.

Blood test dragnet to find killer

Police hunting the sex killer of Angela Flaherty, aged seven, whose body was found in a children's den near her home ten weeks ago, are to ask for blood samples from 600 boys and men in an attempt to match them to traces left by the murderer.

The move was announced as Det Supt Peter Bottomley, leading the enquiry, said that the estate where Angela lived in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was tearing itself apart, with friends and neighbours suspecting each other. Any samples matching the killer's blood group will be tested against his DNA profile.

Mr Bottomley said that samples would be requested from males aged 13 to 26. He said the Rawthorpe estate was being torn apart by suspicion.

House must go

Islington council has won a court order requiring Latif Hoory to demolish a house built in his back garden at Essex Road, Islington, or be fined £200 a day. The council said demolition would have to be by hand because bulldozers could not get on to the site.

Drivers charged

A publicised two-week police campaign focusing on the driving to and from work of staff at the Sellafield nuclear processing site in Cumbria has ended with 178 people being charged, including five for drink driving.

Americans try to fathom mind of 'human timebomb' after 23 die in Texas cafe shooting

Hennard fits mould of mass killer

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

GEORGE Hennard, the man who killed 22 people in a Texas cafeteria, fits the standard profile of that increasingly common type, the American mass murderer. He is usually a white man aged between 25 and 35, very attached to his mother, a loner with a shaky ego and seething with pent-up anger over grievances real or imagined.

As police yesterday sought Hennard's "triggering event", the single incident which usually sparks a killer's rampage, experts said his behaviour conformed to the pattern which has sent at least 100 other men on similar missions of random murder over the past decade. Usually such mass killers have little background of psychiatric illness, but, sullen and highly irritable, they are regarded as "human timebombs" by those who know them.

Hennard's neighbours described him in precisely those terms. Rampage killers differ from serial killers, who murder strangers over a long period. These are often sociopaths who feel powerless and repeatedly kill in an attempt to control others. Unlike mass murderers, serial killers do not need a precipitating event and they lust after the celebrity that their crime brings them. Mass killers make one "social statement" before succumbing to their own or police bullets.

Often the grievances of the mass killer are linked to the workplace. Dozens of Americans have been murdered over the past five years by disgruntled former employees who returned to wreak vengeance. A postal worker in New Jersey killed his boss and three others last weekend in the latest in a virtual epidemic of such attacks.

In the most famous case of the type, in 1987, an airline employee who had been sacked for stealing, shot dead the pilots of an aircraft in midflight over California, killing all 43 aboard. In Hennard's case, the grudge appeared to be more general. The only hint of a motive came from letters he wrote to two sisters who lived nearby. "Please give me the satisfaction of someday laughing in the face of all those mostly white treacherous female vipers from those two towns who tried to destroy me and my family," he said.

Jack Levin, a sociology professor who wrote a study called *Mass Murder: America's Growing Menace*, yesterday compared Hennard with Marc Lepine, the gunman who murdered 14 women at Montreal university in 1989. Such killers are spurred by a feeling of humiliation over the growing power of women and set out to take revenge on society at large. "The more random the massacre, the more likely it is the killer is insane, delusional and paranoid." Referring to Hennard's reported cry that "this is what Bell County has done to me!", Mr Levin said Bell County was probably an abstraction for the forces that he felt were arrayed against him. The more random the act, the greater are the chances that the killer is clinically insane, he said.

The first recorded incidents of mass murder coincided with the growth of cities and industrialisation in America. But it was rare, with only about one incident noted per decade until about the 1960s. Earlier cases involved mainly the murder of a family by one of its members, a category which remains common.

Many experts have traced the emergence of the random killer to the brutalising pressures apparent throughout American society.

Last exit: officials at the restaurant in Killeen, Texas remove the pick-up truck in which Hennard launched his rampage

Slaughter fails to sway gun lobby

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

THE deadliest mass shooting in American history looked unlikely yesterday to sway members of Congress to tighten gun control laws in a new anti-crime bill.

A close vote in the House of Representatives was expected last night on whether to retain from its draft package two measures banning gun magazines of more than seven rounds and certain types of semi-automatic assault weapons. But supporters of gun control expressed doubts about the deaths' impact.

The lower house began debate on the issue as police in Texas tried to find out how George Hennard, aged 35, obtained a Glock semi-automatic pistol which he used to kill 22 people in a crowded Texas cafeteria before turning the gun on himself in an apparent suicide.

Those wavering before the vote faced formidable lobbying by the National Rifle Association, which argues that criminals will get their hands on weapons and ammunition anyway and that law-abiding citizens should not be denied their constitutional right to bear arms in self-defence. Mr Hennard's pistol was fitted with a 17-round magazine that allowed him to spray fire on diners, although a 19-round model of the partly plastic weapon is also available.

Thomas Foley, the Democratic House speaker, said the clause on semi-automatic assault weapons in the evolving bill would not cover the type of gun used in the massacre. He also predicted that the scheduled vote would be "very close" on an amendment by a conservative Democrat to drop the two measures.

The shooting on Wednesday in Killeen "will probably, if anything, push the vote closer to some kind of restriction on assault weapons", Mr Foley said, although many people would argue that there is no logical connection. But the speaker, himself a member of the NRA, added he was not sure that the effect would be great enough "to actually ban assault weapons".

Middle East talks come a step nearer

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

IN THE Middle East yesterday diplomatic speculation was rife that Presidents Bush and Gorbachev would fly to Lausanne, Switzerland, to act as co-hosts at the opening of a regional peace conference if James Baker, the US Secretary of State, succeeds in convening the talks as planned on October 29.

The semi-official Egyptian press quoted government sources in the Soviet Union as saying unequivocally that the two presidents would attend. White House officials did little to dampen the notion, emphasising that no final decision had yet been taken. "They both would be interested in getting the peace conference off to a good start," said Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, in reference to the two leaders. "But at this point, we just are not willing to make a commitment."

Soviet sources said that Mr Gorbachev was anxious to attend in person to demonstrate to the world that Moscow still had an important role to play in the Middle East. On Wednesday, he sent a message to a session of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's leadership in Tunis urging them to take part in the conference.

In the message, the Soviet leader urged the 90-strong central council of the PLO, which was convening to try to reach a decision on participation, to "take a positive stand towards the peace process". He added that the Palestinians, "with Soviet support for their rights" would play an essential part in the peace process." In Jerusalem yesterday, Boris Pankin, the Soviet foreign minister, came to the aid of Mr Baker as the superpowers attempted to overcome last-minute obstacles to their initiative.

The problem of Palestinian representation moved one more step towards resolution at the PLO session at a secret location in Tunis. The council gave the go-ahead for seven Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to attend the conference as part of a joint delegation with Jordan. The decision, which came after a plea for flexibility from Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, was seen as further evidence that the Palestinians will finally agree to attend the conference despite what they regard as humiliating conditions. According to informed Palestinian sources, the council approved the list and authorised Mr Arafat to conclude a "political accord" with Jordan regarding the operational details of the delegation, which is due to include seven Jordanians.

Among the Palestinian delegates put forward were Elias Freij, who has gained international recognition as the mayor of Bethlehem, Radwayan Abu Ayash, a native of the Askar refugee camp in Nablus and former head of the Arab Journalists' Association, and Ziad Abu Ziad, a lawyer from a village near Jerusalem who edits the pro-PLO Hebre language newspaper *Gesher*.

Israel has insisted it will not negotiate with any Palestinians who are members of the PLO, live in Arab east Jerusalem or reside outside the occupied territories, so it was expected that the PLO list would contain a dozen or so academics, journalists and doctors from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Palestinians are planning to send a second team of leaders from Jerusalem who would not sit at the negotiating table, but direct the official Palestinian delegation inside the chamber.

"We are reaching a critical moment," said Sari Nusseibeh, the Oxford educated Palestinian leader, who is expected to meet Mr Baker today but is barred from selection because he comes from Jerusalem.

Pankin: helping Baker to overcome final obstacles

Ozal view on Cyprus in balance

From ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

AS PRESIDENT Ozal's prospects of emerging unscathed from Sunday's Turkish election disappear, the impact on foreign policy is being calculated.

The pro-northern Cypriot lobby is taking some satisfaction that Turkey's commitment to seeing through a political settlement may now dwindle. Western diplomats portray Mr Ozal as one of the few politicians in Turkey to realise the price the country pays internationally for its lone support of a Turkish republic in northern Cyprus. Mr Ozal is known to have promoted during a visit by President Bush to Turkey last July, the current round of negotiations which are intended to culminate in a four-way summit in New York by the end of the year.

Although Mr Ozal still has five years to run, the Motherland party which he once led as prime minister faces defeat at the polls.

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Ukraine scuppers deal on economic union

Gorbachev's attempt to keep a unified economy is in the balance as the Soviet bread basket rejects his plan, write Mary Dejevsky and Robert Seely

AT VIRTUALLY the last minute the Ukraine has announced that it will not sign an inter-republican Soviet economic agreement today.

While President Gorbachev is bound to try to change the Ukrainian leaders' mind, the move by the union's second-largest republic strikes at the heart of the agreement. Mr Gorbachev had hoped that the agreement, to be signed by at least ten republics, would maintain the framework of a joint economy and presage an agreement on some form of political union.

The Ukrainian move seems, at first glance, likely to scupper Mr Gorbachev's plans to retain a unified economic space. But in current Soviet politics, in which governments in both Russia and the Ukraine often act with haste and incompetence, the Ukraine's refusal to sign may not be final.

Earlier this week, Vitold Fokin, the Ukraine's prime minister, confirmed that the Ukraine would be willing to thrash out an agreement. Yesterday the Ukraine's presidium said no. Today, after some hard bargaining between Kiev and Moscow, Mr Gorbachev might manage to keep the two vital powers in the union.

The Ukrainians have, for the moment, rejected the treaty because their objections to the blueprint laid out in Alma Ata have not been answered. Kiev's displeasure centres on the view there that the treaty will not entail real political independence for the republics. The Ukraine wants its own currency, and its own customs and border posts to protect its agricultural produce. Almost 25 per cent of Soviet food supplies come from the wealthy Ukraine.

In Moscow, officials yesterday tried desperately to stem speculation that the agreement could again be postponed. Arkadi Volsky, a pro-Gorbachev member of the interim economic committee which currently functions as the Soviet government, said he was confident that it would be signed.

Negotiations on the three-year agreement, which incorporates most of the economic aspects of the ill-fated Union Treaty, have been slow and difficult. The agreement sets out terms for an economic union (not, to the distress of some, a community or commonwealth) in which signatories pledge to abide by a common policy on currency, the money supply, taxation, customs regulations and pricing. They also undertake to fulfil all contracted deliveries — or provide the hard currency value of the goods to the receiving republic if they fail to deliver.

The chief problem is that all participants want to move directly from a system in which all lost out to an omnipotent centre to one in which they all gain. Republic leaders need to demonstrate to consumers that an agreement is in their interests. For the leaders of Russia in particular, that is not easy. All they can do is warn of the consequences of failure to agree, and utter dire threats of economic breakdown.

Aiming high: climbers recently trekking to the summit of Everest the hard way. From next year tourists will be able to book guided tours to the 29,028ft peak, the world's highest. Describing the trip as the ultimate travel experience, Himalayan Kingdoms, an agency specialising in high adventure, will from the autumn of 1993 take 15 clients, each willing to pay £11,000, up the legendary mountain. "We are looking for people with climbing experience up to about 23,000 feet," Stephen Bell, the agency's director of expeditions, said. "But it is vital that they also be good team members." He said personal compatibility was almost more important than experience because Himalayan storms often forced climbers to share a high-altitude tent. "Everest is no place for individualists," he said. "We need adventurous and easy-going people: one disruptive team member will spoil it for everyone." Mr Bell has so far received deposits from 23 hopefuls whose ages range from 26 to 58 years. One person who has already been confirmed for the expedition is the actor Brian Blessed, aged 54. He has previously climbed higher than 25,000ft, dressed in hobnail boots and tweeds like those worn by George Mallory, his boyhood hero who died on a British Everest expedition in 1924. Others who have signed up for the 1993 climb include a Venezuelan woman doctor, a Finnish bricklayer and climbers from America, Britain and Australia. The 71-day expedition will attempt the South Col, following in the route of Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing, who first conquered the peak. *(Reuter)*

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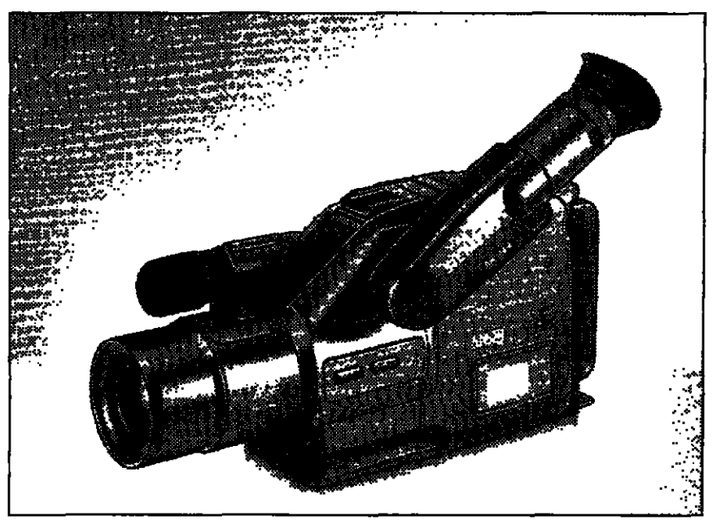

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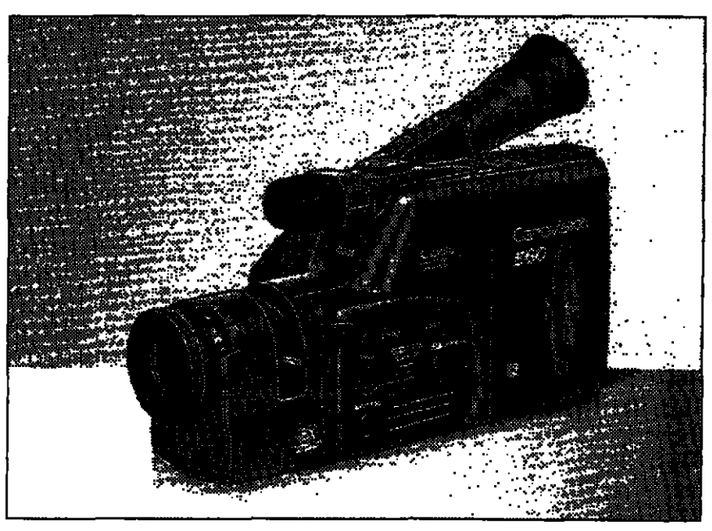

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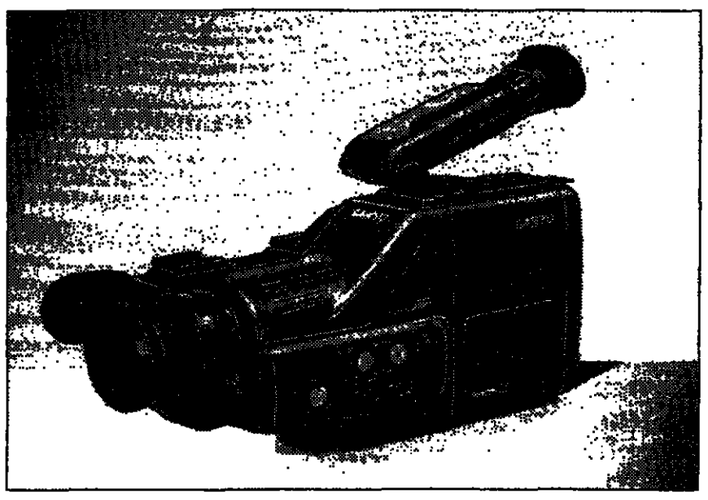

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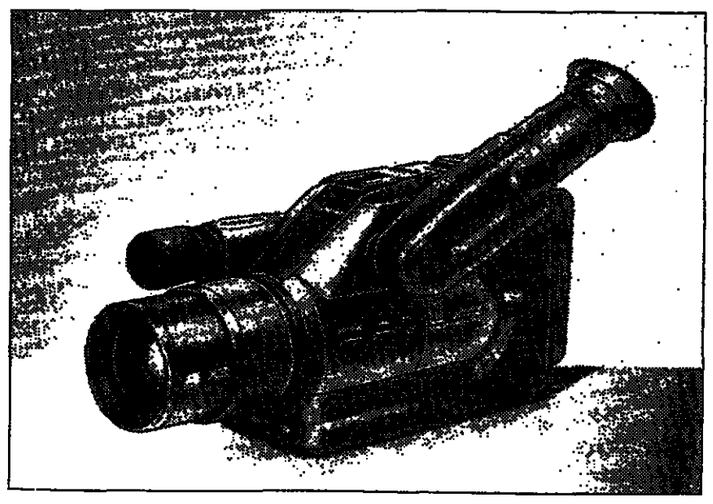

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Bonn minister under fire on proposed force

From MICHAEL EVANS IN TAORMINA, SICILY AND IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GERHARD Stoltenberg, the German defence minister, was subjected to a barrage of questions by his Nato counterparts yesterday over the proposal by Bonn and Paris to form a Franco-German corps. Herr Stoltenberg insisted to his fellow defence ministers during a meeting supposed to be about nuclear strategy that the new defence formation would not harm the alliance.

The British and American ministers in particular wanted to be convinced that the Germans and French were not trying to create a "stand-alone" force. Tom King, the defence secretary, said last night that he had made it quite clear to Herr Stoltenberg, that any new force that was "incompatible with Nato would not be acceptable."

The ministers had gathered in Taormina to discuss the way forward for Nato nuclear strategy and to resolve how many nuclear bombs should be removed from the stockpile. They decided to cut the numbers by half from about 1,400 to 700. But that decision was delayed until the afternoon to give ministers a chance to raise the issue of the Franco-German corps.

Mr King said the decision to reduce by half the number of air-launched bombs meant that Nato's tactical missiles and bombs will have been reduced to a tenth of the total ten years ago. Without giving precise figures he said the number of bombs remaining in Nato's arsenal would be considerably less than 1,000.

On the subject of the Franco-German force, Herr Stoltenberg tried to persuade his colleagues that the whole idea was to draw the French more closely into Nato structures. Judging by the reaction of some of his colleagues, however, exactly what the Germans had in mind remained confused. Some British officials had believed the new corps was intended to operate only within Europe. Yet Herr Stoltenberg seemed to suggest just the opposite: that it would be for out-of-area operations.

Herr Stoltenberg was on his own in explaining what was behind the idea because the French defence minister never attends Nato nuclear planning group meetings. German sources said he was "stunned" by the reaction from the rest of the alliance.

Mr King and Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, raised a whole series of questions. "We wanted to know what role was envisaged for this force, where it would be deployed and what German forces would be assigned to it," a senior British source said. Herr Stoltenberg told Mr King and Mr Cheney that no German troops would be taken out of the Nato military structure to man the corps. Instead they would be "double-hatted". A German military source added that the force "has been designed not to be harmful to Nato".

Mr King said that there were many questions which still needed to be answered by the Germans and the French. He said some Nato countries seemed happy to let the French and Germans develop their corps because of their general interest in forming a European defence policy. But Britain, the US, Italy, The Netherlands and others wanted further reassurance that the German troops were not being taken out of Nato.

Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, chief of the defence staff, emphasised that the corps envisaged was not the 100,000-strong formation suggested in Western newspapers in the past few days. He said a French corps was much smaller than a British one.

Sources in the Bonn chancellery insist that the initiative was a German one which has succeeded in bringing French and British attitudes on European defence closer together.

Mr King and Herr Stoltenberg on Wednesday night agreed a new detailed arrangement for British training areas in Germany.

Stoltenberg: "stunned" by reaction of colleagues

Nato ends meetings in the sun

By MICHAEL EVANS

NATO defence ministers have learnt with dismay that nuclear planning group meetings, to which they normally most look forward because of their varied, sometimes exotic, locations, will from now on be held only in Brussels.

But to celebrate the 50th meeting, the ministers are in the hillside Sicilian resort of Taormina. But it will be their last with a view.

Since 1967, when the group held its inaugural meeting in Washington, followed by two meetings annually, ministers have discussed nuclear matters in 31 places. Their top ten locations, taking into account weather, views, food, recreational options and shopping for their wives, have been: Venice, Monterey in California, Colorado Springs, Stresa and Bari in Italy, Vilamoura and Almansil in Portugal, Montebello in Canada, Cesme in Turkey and now Taormina. The most visited places have been Brussels (ten times), The Hague (four times), London (three times) and Gleneagles (twice).

The 51st meeting had been planned for Wurzburg in Germany but that has now been cancelled. In future both the group meeting and the defence ministers' other regular outing, the defence planning committee meeting, will both be conducted in Nato's exceptionally unattractive Brussels headquarters.

Hand-to-hand battles rage in Croatian town as army leads attack

By Vjekoslav Radovic in Negovslavci and Our Foreign Staff

SERBS and Croats fought hand-to-hand battles in the besieged Croatian town of Vukovar yesterday as Yugoslav army tanks spearheaded an attack. Croatian radio said the tanks, backed by infantry and Serbian irregulars, thrust across the Danube into a suburb of the town.

Thousands of Croat soldiers and civilians earlier joined a mass exodus from besieged Croatian areas, as the federal army appeared prepared for a final onslaught on the breakaway republic.

In another offensive the Yugoslav army yesterday attacked the area around the medieval city of Dubrovnik on Croatia's Adriatic coast, Tanjug news agency reported. The attack was a land, air and sea offensive, it said.

Amid scenes of mass confusion, up to 8,000 Croats left the town of Ilok, downstream of Vukovar on the Danube boundary with Serbia. They had opted to leave the town, located on an indefensible spit of land sticking deep into Serbia, after the federal army last week ordered the defenders to surrender or face an all-out assault.

After the Croats said they would surrender, the army declared it would guarantee the safety of any civilians who chose to remain. But it was unclear whether any would, given their fear of the armed Serbs who are likely to follow the federal troops into Ilok. "Nobody is forcing these people out of Ilok, least of all the army," said Colonel Petar Grahovac, the commander of the army unit that entered the town.

From the village of Negoslavci, four miles on the other side of Vukovar, army artillery poured round after round on to the town. Federal air force jets flew overhead as black smoke rose from Vukovar. There was also fighting in towns around Vukovar and in several other parts of Croatia, further denting peace hopes on the eve of a European Community conference on Yugoslavia in The Hague.

"They are ... perhaps the heaviest attacks since the beginning of hostilities," the radio said. It said 20 tanks and more than 100 soldiers from the federal army had pushed into Vukovar.

Tanjug news agency in Belgrade, the Serbian and Yugoslav capital, quoted military sources as saying the Croats had tried to reinforce their positions in Vukovar and had opened fire on army units in nearby Osijek.

Croatian radio said heavy casualties were feared in Vukovar. It said five people were killed and 17 were wounded in overnight fighting in Nova Gradiska, in central Croatia. A federal warplane was shot down over nearby Osijek. The radio also reported that the western town of Otocac had been attacked from the air yesterday morning but gave no details.

In a bid to end the fighting, Cyrus Vance, the former American Secretary of State, arrived in the Croatian capital, Zagreb, as the personal envoy of Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general. He planned to meet Franjo Tudjman, the Croat president.

The European Community will reconvene peace talks with the six Yugoslav republics today. In a concession to Serbia and its allies, a Dutch foreign ministry official said, the EC had invited the eight-member Yugoslav presidency to attend. Serbia, its Kosovo and Vojvodina provinces and Montenegro, said the peace talks would carry no weight unless the presidency was invited. The EC had refused to invite the presidency because four members boycott its meetings.

While the fighting went on in Vukovar, a ferry packed with 1,500 evacuees was on its way from the encircled Croatian resort of Dubrovnik to Split.

Designer look goes from riches to rags

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Unfinished collection: Rei Kawakubo's designs for the Comme des Garçons fashion house (left and right) featured pretty ideas in the raw state, while Chantal Thomass used an African theme (centre) for part of her ready-to-wear collection

From Liz Smith
Fashion Editor
in Paris

THE Japanese designer Rei Kawakubo, who pioneered the deconstructed style of tailoring in the Eighties with her Comme des Garçons lop-sided jackets, often with backs and sleeves missing, has taken the rag-tag look a step further. In Paris yesterday she showed what looked like the makings of an interesting collection, but most of the clothes were unfinished.

Her fabrics ranged from the paper and calico of the first toile to lining silk. Pin-striped jackets and tan-coloured trenchcoats complete with lapels and epaulettes had raw edges, loose threads and bits missing. Jewellery and hosiery were improvised, and sketched on to the models' necks, arms and ankles. The catwalk was left as a bare boardwalk.

What might have been an amusing centre of the fashion business if the show had been limited, to just a few outfits at the start of the show, ended up as a farce. There were enough pretty ideas and beautiful fabrics to make the exercise frustrating to watch. None of the original ideas was carried off successfully.

Yugoslav generals stage final push to avoid humiliation

By Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent

THE Yugoslav army, which yesterday spearheaded a fierce attack on Vukovar, may have embarked on its last key offensive for some months. Since last month, the generals have been determined to break the siege of trapped garrisons in eastern Croatia and ensure an unbroken line of communications throughout Slavonia with its mixed Serb and Croat communities.

A new urgency surrounds yesterday's offensive: there are a few external factors — above all the need to secure eastern Croatia before an oil embargo depletes the army's fuel reserves — but the main reason for swift action is that the generals are confronting that most persuasive of military scenarios, the prospect of a war on many fronts. This possibility, triggered by the threat of a declaration of independence from Bosnia-Herzegovina, is changing the terms of the political debate in Yugoslavia. Paradoxically it might, at least for a short time, improve the chances of the various peace brokers from the European Community, the United Nations and Moscow.

Throughout the summer the high command was very careful not to overstretch its resources. After a humiliating setback in the eight-day war in June against Slovenia, General Blagoje Adzic, the chief of staff, declared that the army should concentrate on Croatia and defend the Serbian enclaves there. "We will carry things through to the end," he had told field officers.

But the "end" is no longer so obvious. The Croat government of Franjo Tudjman has not been overthrown — one possible military aim — while the broader goal of achieving a "greater Serbia" is growing more complicated by the day. To establish a "greater Serbia" the army needs to do more than keep hold of the Serbian enclaves in Croatia: it must also move in on behalf of the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Yet to do so would meet certain resistance from Bosnian Muslims and Croats. That was plain from this week's session of the Bosnian parliament at which deputies declared their readiness to declare indpendence if Yugoslavia falls apart. Since that declaration of intent, Bosnian deputies have been taking the precuation of wearing bullet-proof vests.

The Yugoslav high command now faces the following prospects:

☐ The continuing, territorial and tactical war with Croatia is tying down huge numbers of soldiers and matériel in Slavonia. The barracks in Belgrade are virtually empty; and so are the army coffers despite the printing of more money to pay for food and salary bills.

☐ The army is also coming under more pressure in Slovenia. Today the deadline expires for the complete withdrawal of Yugoslav forces from Slovenia. The Slovene leadership has said that it will not allow further withdrawals after the deadline and will impound equipment as collateral against war reparations, reflecting Slovene confidence that the balance of power in Slovenia has shifted its way.

☐ A continuing, even growing need to police Kosovo where ethnic Albanians, partly encouraged by the newly democratic regime in Tirana are straining at the leash, will overstretch the resources of the Yugoslav army.

UK acts on drugs from East

From Gerard Davies
in Prague

BRITAIN said yesterday it will help Czechoslovakia set up a special intelligence unit to combat drug smuggling through the Balkans. Czechoslovak police will be trained in drug interception techniques and the two countries will consider a joint treaty on confiscating profits from drug trafficking. The Home Office announcement followed two days of talks in London.

There are fears that democracy has triggered a new wave of trafficking to Britain through the former Eastern bloc. About 220lb of high purity cocaine, worth £1 million, has been intercepted on the Polish-Czechoslovak border en route from Colombia and drug experts believe more could be on its way to the West via the Baltic Sea. About 70 per cent of heroin reaching the West is thought to to pass through Czechoslovakia.

Police and customs officers say that the Iron Curtain has become a revolving door for an Eastern underworld whose members can travel in virtually unprotected territory with few borders, relatively low penalties and outdated detection methods. They say the new wave of drugs has reached the shores of Britain and even the United States behind the backs of customs officers waiting for smugglers from the West.

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Reprieve for world's poorest nations marks Major's commitment to Commonwealth

UK sets pace in Third World debt write off

Britain's unilateral action aims to force Japan and America to follow suit, writes Robin Oakley from the Harare summit

BRITAIN is to go ahead with plans to cancel debts owed by the poorest developing countries, whether or not other creditor nations agree.

The announcement by John Major at the meeting of Commonwealth heads of government in Harare yesterday was made in the light of the prime minister's irritation with other key members of the "Paris Club". Countries such as Japan and the United States have been dithering over implementing the so-called Trinidad Terms for writing off two-thirds of the $26.5 billion (£15.6 billion) worth of government-to-government debt owed by the poorest countries.

The British action was designed to pressure other creditors into doing likewise. It was also timed to underline Mr Major's commitment to the Commonwealth and won him many plaudits.

Brian Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, who had been squared before hand, immediately announced that his country would follow suit. Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister, also promised the "most favourable consideration".

Mr Major first set out his plan for the debt write-off at a Commonwealth finance minister's meeting when he was Chancellor in 1990. He has pursued it since then through the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations and the G7 meeting which he chaired in London in July. But he has been frustrated by the lack of progress and yesterday's move was designed to put pressure on a Paris Club meeting next week.

"This initiative will not be allowed to fail," Mr Major told his fellow heads of government yesterday. "If agreement cannot be reached at the Paris Club in the very near future, the United Kingdom, acting in concert with as many of our Paris Club colleagues as possible, will implement the Paris Club terms."

The Paris Club has been seeking agreement on the cancellation terms and rescheduling of the remaining debt. The debtor nations would have to accept IMF programmes for their economies, cancel "white elephant" projects and cut defence expenditure in some cases. Countries eligible for the help are those with a gross domestic product of less than $600 per head of population and debt service ratios of 25 per cent or more.

Debt owed to the British government is $1.3 billion out of the total, so some £550 million would be written off. The countries standing to benefit the most are Zambia (with £187 million in outstanding debt), Tanzania (£166 million), Guyana (£103 million), Zaire (£90 million) and Mozambique (£87 million). Under the arrangements proposed, the benefiting countries would not only see two-thirds of their debt scrapped, but would also receive a five-year interest holiday on the amount remaining, and repayments would be scheduled over the next 25 years taking account of countries' ability to pay.

President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the conference host, expressed gratitude on behalf of the developing countries and said that he hoped the rest of the developed world would fall in behind the British lead.

Canada, meanwhile, has taken the strongest stand so far on linking aid to good government, threatening to cancel aid to countries that do not adopt democratic systems. The threat was issued by Mr Mulroney in a private exchange with President Moi of Kenya, who is regarded as one of the more serious offenders against human rights because of his vigorous opposition to multiparty democracy. Canadian aid to Kenya totalled about £19 million in 1989 and 1990.

Ring of confidence: John Major and Bob Hawke, the Australian prime minister, apparently on top of the world at a reception given by the Queen after the opening of the 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government summit in Harare

Kano riots put polls in doubt

By Our Foreign Staff

PRESIDENT Babangida of Nigeria called an emergency meeting of the National Security Council yesterday to discuss religious riots in Kano, in the north, that left at least 20 people dead.

But it was not clear if the three-day rampage would affect the gubernatorial elections and state assembly primaries scheduled for tomorrow. These are an important step towards a return to civilian rule by next September.

Security forces have tightened their grip on the city after fierce fighting between Christians and Muslims, residents said. Major-General Babangida cut short a visit to the Commonwealth summit in Zimbabwe and returned home on Wednesday.

Kano residents said the atmosphere in the mainly Muslim city remained tense yesterday. There were fears of fresh violence, especially after today's Muslim prayers.

The Vatican has set up a mission in Kano, the Holy See announced. The mission would "intensify the evangelical work of the church in areas still without structure".

Man in the news

Gentle chief sets mark on summit

By Robin Oakley

HARARE has seen the emergence from the backrooms of Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretary-general, who will be its voice between now and the next summit two years from now.

A soft-spoken, impeccably outfitted Nigerian who epitomises African politeness, Chief Anyaoku was disparaged by some during last year's contest to succeed the overtly political Sonny Ramphal. His detractors saw him as a conciliator under whom the Commonwealth might fade into obscurity as it neared the end of its role as an anti-apartheid pressure group.

But Chief Anyaoku then said: "My ways of acting as deputy to Sonny Ramphal must not be confused with what I will do when I am number one." He showed the mettle of his quieter style of politics by comprehensively out-lobbying Malcolm Fraser, the former Australian prime minister, to win the post.

And, after refusing every interview in his days as a loyal number two, he is now revelling in his higher profile and playing a key role in seeking to make the Commonwealth a beacon for democracy and human rights. He was the one, for example, who finally persuaded President Kaunda to take the multiparty route and hold elections in Zambia.

Watching Chief Anyaoku greet the guests at the secretary-general's cocktail party, a social event at which prime ministers outnumber the canapés, it was easy to see why he won the job. Every guest, from whatever corner of the Commonwealth, received a personal greeting.

"The chief never forgets a name or a face," one colleague said. A Commonwealth worker from Papua New Guinea added: "He knows more people in the Pacific than I do."

Now aged 58, the chief entered Commonwealth service in 1966 and, but for a brief spell back in Nigeria in 1983, has been there ever since. He became deputy general-secretary in 1977.

"He is gentle, but does not bend," said one admiring worker for a Commonwealth human rights organisation. What is more surprising is that Chief Anyaoku, now serving his 13th heads of government meeting, retains the enthusiasm to seek to breathe new life into the organisation.

The test for him now is to shake up the secretariat to ensure that posts are held on ability and not influence. He must re-allocate resources within a stretched budget to back up the brave talk about extending demcoracy, for which the provision last year was a mere £175,000.

Anyaoku: said to never forget a name or a face

Kenyan holds whip hand in wife control

From Frances Kerry in Kisumu, Kenya

AKUKU Ansentus Ogwella, Kenya's most married man, has simple but stern advice for marital harmony: if your wife gets too rowdy or disobedient, give her a few strokes with a whip. He should know — he has 40 wives to control.

Now aged 72, Mr Ogwella also has more than 200 children, 700 grandchildren and 80 great-grandchildren. Some wives did not last the course. Mr Ogwella says he has divorced 85 women. They fell into three categories: too confrontational, too physically weak or no good as farm workers.

His male chauvinist approach to women and marriage may outrage feminists, but husbands having problems getting along with just one wife gather to hear his homilies on family life, delivered in a cafe in the western town of Kisumu.

Mr Ogwella, a farmer and bar-owner, houses his family on smallholdings in south Nyanza district near Lake Victoria. He was born in 1918 of a father who had 45 wives. "It is the bloodline," he said.

Mr Ogwella says he loves and respects all his wives but will not tolerate arguments from them. "If one of them gets out of hand, a family court decides the punishment," he said. "That might be a few days' hard work. At the end of it she has to ask me for forgiveness. If that fails, then it is five strokes with a special whip." *(Reuter)*

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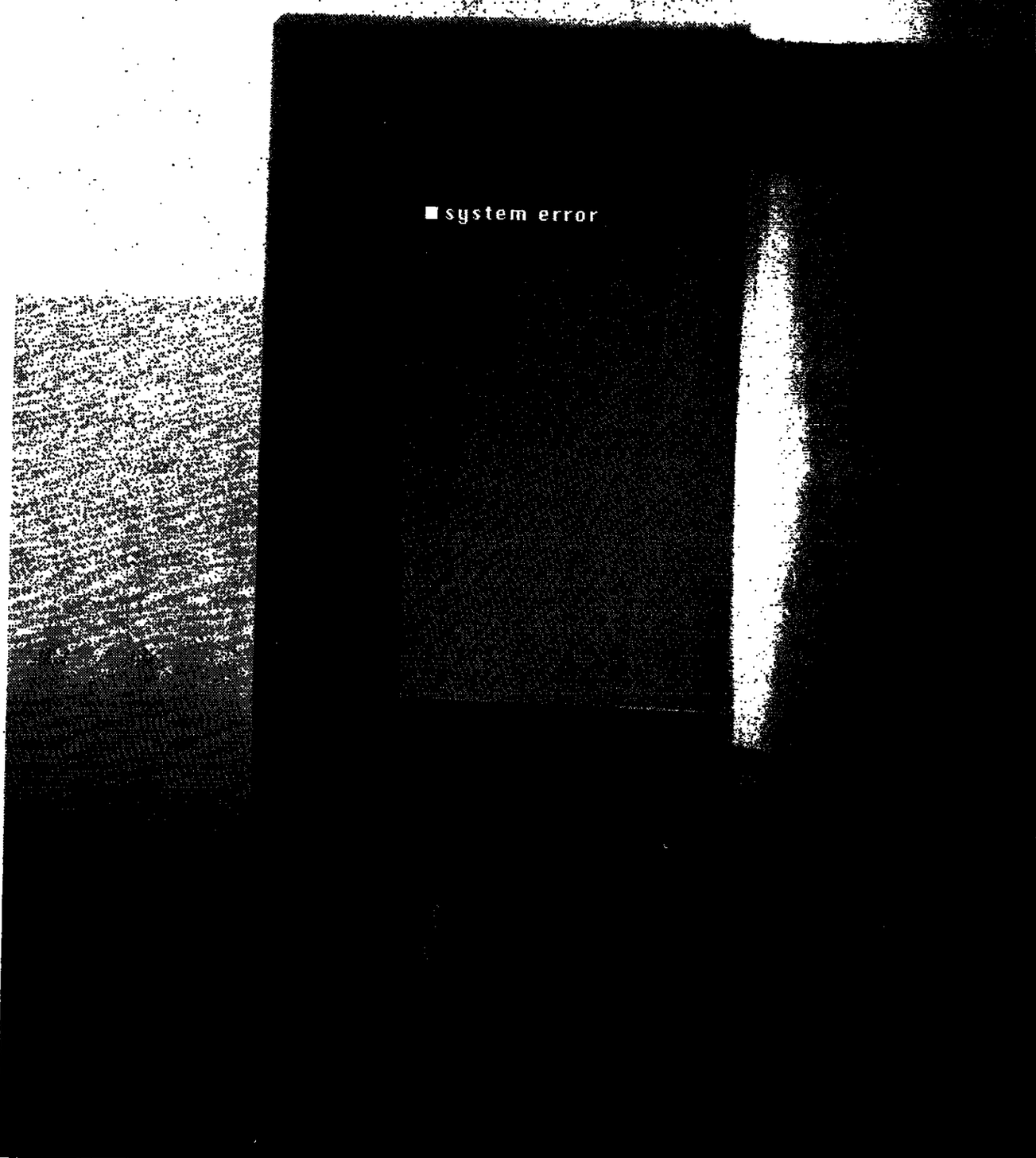


Cambodian reform

Rival asks Sihanouk to accept presidency

By DAVID WATTS IN LONDON AND JAMES PRINGLE ON THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER

HUN SEN, the Cambodian prime minister, has invited Prince Norodom Sihanouk, his former rival, to become president. His dramatic gesture clears the way for next week's Paris peace conference.

He made the announcement at the opening of the sixth and last congress of the Kampuchean People's Revolutionary party in Phnom Penh, setting the tone for a gathering which will shed communist dogma and officially approve the increasingly free-market character of the country's economy. Straying from his prepared text, Mr Hun Sen said he thought it was necessary to have a Cambodian personality with enough influence to sway the country's electorate to vote for the party. He proposed that the party should support the prince as the president of Cambodia in a future Cambodian election, adding that this was the best solution to steer Cambodia away from new political crisis".

As Mr Hun Sen spoke, Heng Samrin, the current president and party leader, was said to look tired and dejected. The two men had reportedly had an argument the previous night about his removal from the presidency.

The party is to bring in a series of reforms during its two-day conclave, and to rename itself the Cambodian People's party. Its new manifesto declares: "All Cambodian citizens have the right to the freedom of religious beliefs, assembly, publication and defence in courts." It says Cambodians have the right to set up trade unions. Buddhism is supported as the state religion and religious minorities are granted rights.

On economic policy, the opening up of the financial market, banking and insurance sectors will be encouraged. A tax policy will be adopted "to promote economic and social development". The draft promises government help in developing the infrastructure of transport and communications.

Cambodia's new foreign policy includes a pledge "not to enter into any military alliance or pact that is against the permanent neutrality of Cambodia". In a reference to the Khmer Rouge, under whose rule a million Cambodians probably died, the party firmly opposed the recurrence of the "holocaust".

A senior Khmer Rouge official said yesterday that Cambodian refugees in Thailand should only go back to Cambodia voluntarily. Recent reports have claimed that more than 1,000 people have been returned to Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge by deception in order to build up their electoral support. The official hinted that a Khmer Rouge hardliner known as Nykon, who has threatened to force thousands of refugees back into Cambodia, was a maverick who had embarrassed senior officials just days before the signing of peace accords. It was not clear whether he had acted alone or at the behest of others.

Death in Mexico: Chia-Chia, London Zoo's giant panda, who has died, aged 19, while on breeding loan in Mexico City. He died of peritonitis caused by a perforated ulcer

Sikhs blamed for bomb deaths

From COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

MORE than 40 people were killed and 100 injured in two separate bomb blasts in the Himalayan foothills of Terai, a region of Uttar Pradesh state in northern India. The bombs are thought to be the work of Sikh extremists seeking revenge for the controversial killing of ten Sikh youths in July, but no group has claimed responsibility.

This is the first serious incident of terrorism in the tranquil Himalayan foothills, far from the troubled border state of Punjab. The bombs are thought to have been exploded as a retaliatory action for the gunning down of ten youths by the Uttar Pradesh police in Pilibhit district. The Uttar Pradesh police say the Sikhs were terrorists killed in a shoot-out with the police, but many local people and the national press say the dead were pilgrims who had been ordered off a bus and then shot in cold blood.

The death toll in Wednesday night's bomb blast is expected to rise since many of the injured are in critical condition. Several of those killed died in a stampede after the first explosion, which was reportedly set off by remote control. A large crowd was watching a performance of scenes from a holy Hindu text telling the story of Lord Rama at the time. The scenes are enacted nightly during the festival season of Dusshera. The second bomb went off 20 minutes later at the hospital in Rudrapur to which the injured were being taken.

The blasts have shaken the tranquil hill district of Nainital, and all shops and establishments in the foothill towns of Haldwani and Rudrapur were closed in protest yesterday. A large number of Sikh farmers have migrated to the region during the past two decades and have managed, by dint of hard work, to transform rocky terrain into fertile fields.

Violence by Sikh extremists fighting to establish a separate homeland of Khalistan by making the northwest Indian state of Punjab secede has increased in recent months. More than 3,000 people have died this year in terrorist-related incidents in Punjab, a far higher toll than last year.

Liviu Radu, Romania's acting ambassador to India, was kidnapped in Delhi last week by extremists demanding freedom for some jailed comrades. Despite a house-to-house search in Delhi, police hunting for him seem to have made little progress.

Police in Delhi said on Wednesday that they had shot a terrorist in the capital's central plaza of Connaught Place in full view of a large crowd.

Murder claims denied

Manila — Raul Manglapus, the foreign secretary of the Philippines, has described as malicious and false charges aired on the American ABC television network that he had hired a mercenary to kill military rebel leaders and enemies of President Aquino (Abby Tan writes).

Mr Manglapus said in a prepared statement that he would not dignify the "malicious charge" of Jack Terrel, a mercenary who claimed he was paid $30,000 (£17,500) in July 1990 to kill leaders of the Reform Armed Forces Movement, the army rebel group, and their civilian supporters.

Mr Manglapus said that, if unanswered, however, the charges might sabotage continuing talks with fugitive rebels to surrender. "The charge is categorically false," he said. "I have not plotted to kill anyone. I have not paid money to anyone to undertake murder on my behalf."

Suicide threat

Hong Kong — Leaders at Hong Kong's largest camp for Vietnamese boat people, holding 24,000 people, claim they will commit suicide "in droves" rather than be forcibly repatriated. "We have a slogan: 'There will be blood and flowers instead of blood and tears'," one said. The leaders said the people would not agree to return to Vietnam while the Communists were in power. *(Reuter)*

Peking visitor

Peking — Zou Jiahua, a Chinese deputy prime minister since April, is due in Britain on Wednesday. He will be the highest-ranking Chinese visitor since the 1989 shooting of pro-democracy demonstrators in Peking. The choice of Mr Zou is thought to be a compromise: he is a rising star in Peking politics who is aligned with the hardliners but his name does not evoke images of the army suppression.

Overdose death

Bangkok — Yavuz Yavuz, aged 31, the general manager of Turkey's Denizbank, died of a drug overdose while attending the World Bank-International Monetary Fund conference here, Major-General Tassana Suwanjutha, director-general of Thailand's Institute of Forensic Medicine, said. A post-mortem examination had revealed a lethal dose of heroin.

Poor loser

Jakarta — A bull elephant charged a crowd of 1,000 people in northern Indonesia when its mate lost a tug-of-war, the *Suara Karya* said. The newspaper said the male escaped from its trainers in the city of Banda Aceh and ran amok when it heard the female elephant's cries after it was beaten by a team of 40 local officials. *(Reuter)*

TOKYO NOTEBOOK by Joanna Pitman

Skin ladies under threat from the Pill

Japan's door-to-door saleswomen come in two forms. Some rap smartly on the door and with a click of the heels and an FBI-style flash of their Nomura Securities business cards, they have one spruce shoulder pad over the threshold and are half-way to hosting an equity investment coffee morning for languid, but loaded, housewives.

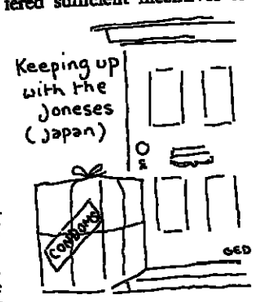
The other type wears diamante-studded stilettos, a slinky cocktail dress and make-up as thick as a Kabuki actor. She warbles sweet greetings on the doorstep, then insinuates a limb in 15-denier stocking round the door. In no time she has sold a gross of condoms.

Both species are in danger. The Nomura sales ladies have been ordered off the streets by the omnipotent finance ministry, which wants to punish Nomura for its recent financial mischief. They will not be back for six weeks.

Japan's itinerant purveyors of condoms, however, known in some circles as "skin ladies", face a more serious threat. At the beginning of next year the welfare ministry will declare open season in Japan for sales of the contraceptive pill.

Oral contraceptives have been banned in Japan, except in some medical circumstances, because, the ministry says, they have unpleasant side-effects. "Japanese doctors have created a lucrative abortion industry for themselves, and they have opposed the introduction of the pill," said Yuriko Ashino, executive secretary of the Japanese family planning association.

Japan's medical lobby may be notoriously strong, but the pharmaceutical firms seem stronger. They plan to manufacture the pill under licence and have visions of a 500 billion yen (£2.2 billion) annual market. They have offered sufficient incentives to



the doctors to persuade them to accept the pill. For the skin ladies, however, there is to be no such pay-off.

Kieko Kimura is the leading skin lady for My Show, a small condom-distributing company. She is doing uncommonly good business this week but fears that the pill will end her career.

For now, young housewives are her ideal target because "they are usually so embarrassed that they will do anything to get rid of me", she said with a saucy smile. She is so successful, indeed, that she recently goaded the faithful wife of a company president into buying two gross of condoms although her husband works 200 miles away and returns only once a month.

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A cut above the grotesque

John Russell Taylor revels in the unclassifiable art of Ernst Barlach, on display at the Goethe Institute

Print which limits the subject's sexuality: Barlach's *Lilith*

Ernst Barlach is not as well known in Britain as he should be. Partly that is because he fell between stools. He was not quite a full-blown Expressionist, nor did he share the unsparingly realistic approach of the Neue Sachlichkeit. He sometimes dealt with the same sort of contemporary social subject-matter as Grosz or Dix, but lacked their satirical verve.

Yet he was by no means an ingrained traditionalist, despite his interest in the folk-roots of art. In his sturdy independence of fads and fashions, he can really be compared only with the near contemporary printmaker Kathe Kollwitz. But comparison does not imply similarity. Even his inclusion, a year before his death, in the Nazis' notorious "Degenerate Art" show made him no less of an essential loner.

All the same, he occupies a unique place in 20th century art for the strength of his vision and the extraordinary power of his line. That is what makes the Goethe Institute's current show, **Ernst Barlach: Graphic Works**, so valuable. The characteristic Barlach line appears almost as much in his sculpture as in his prints.

As is demonstrated by the show's single bronze, *Monks Reading III*, Barlach had a phenomenal skill in devising a sculptural shape which would present a dramatic outline from all angles. It almost seems as if a series of prints could emerge if an artist slowly circled the sculpture and just drew what he saw.

There are, indeed, often close connections between prints and sculptures. And, to reverse the comparison, there are few makers of woodcuts who leave the spectator more vividly conscious that the basis of the process is actually sculpting in wood.

The prints included in this show mostly belong to series—a way of exploring subjects that Barlach found particularly to his taste. Most powerful is probably the only one which is shown in its entirety, *The Faces of God* (1920-21), which consists of just seven images. Here the woodcut medium is used with particular felicity to evoke a terrible God, such as Blake had earlier conceived him.

By comparison, the series of woodcuts that Barlach published in 1923 to accompany Goethe's *Walpurgisnacht* show both his strengths and his limitations: he is completely at home with the horrors and grotesqueries, but seems at a loss when it comes to delineating the sexuality of Lilith or the pure beauty of Gretchen. The less corporeal ecstasies of Schiller's *An die Friede* are more suited to his elevated vision: he can cope better with joy than with jollity.

The lithographs in the show are in curious contrast to the woodcuts, partly because they are mostly earlier. The first major series, *Die tote Tag*, was published in 1912, when Barlach was already 42 but still finding his way. Ten out of the 27 in the portfolio are included, and they have their own kind of power. Well they might, given the grim chapter of misfortunes they chronicle. But there is also something about the sheer labour of carving wood which brings Barlach's vision into sharp focus; without it, he seems strong in the basic idea but woolly in the expression.

Now that the Goethe Institute has provided this foretaste, some London museum should go further, and stage the show of Barlach's sculpture that would set the British art-world by its ears.

● Ernst Barlach: Graphic Works. *Goethe Institute, 50 Princes Gate, SW7 (071-581 3344), until Nov 15.*

Lithograph chronicling human misfortune: *Love i Sorrow*

BRIEFING

Rimbaud recalled

FRENCH poetry has found an unlikely champion on this side of *la Manche*. Next month the Plymouth Arts Centre pulls out all the stops to mark the centenary of the death of Arthur Rimbaud. It is mounting a three-day festival (November 14-16) that includes a performance of *Un coeur sous une soutane*, the stage comedy written by the poet when he was 16, a talk by Margaret Drabble, and poetry readings and seminars. Plymouth is also hosting a travelling exhibition put together by the Musée Rimbaud, and a show of paintings done by Rimbaud-inspired artists.

Bee's knees

A PAINTING called *The Beekeeper's Son* has won Andrzej Jackowski the £20,000 first prize in the seventeenth John Moores Liverpool Exhibition, which opened at the Walker Art Gallery yesterday. The landscape will take prime position in the show which runs until January 19, and then be hung permanently in the gallery alongside previous winners by David Hockney and others.

Last chance...

NAKAMURA Kankuro V, Bando Tamasaburo V: the very names of the chief actors emphasise the ancestry of the Kabuki art which they proceed to prove subtle and fascinating. Theirs is a mythic world of dancing butterflies and clattering monsters. *The Grand Kabuki*, which is an excellent introduction to the genre's mysteries, ends its run at the Lyttelton theatre (071-928 2252) on Saturday.

Steely vessels in a marble sea

Sculpture to admire, feel, explore: Richard Cork on two shows of Sir Anthony Caro

Poised and flowing: Caro's *Night Movements*, softened by orange staining and luxuriant boughs of green steel

Although the colossal steel tower at the heart of Sir Anthony Caro's **Tate Gallery** show invites us to go in and explore, the welcome is accompanied by a disconcerting challenge. Where should we make our entrance? Several flights of stairs swoop up from the ground, each offering access to the convoluted sequence of spaces above. The choice is perplexing, and after we have made our decision the bewilderment intensifies.

With one exception, the stairs peter out in odd, unaccountable platforms and chambers. Expectations are continually flouted by a structure which denies rational priorities. If the tower represents sculpture aspiring to the condition of architecture, then this is the most bloody-minded building imaginable.

Time and again, walls depart from convention and curve out perversely into space, asserting their own right to escape from a functional role. Floors are interrupted by sudden eruptions of sheet steel, thrusting upwards at vertiginous angles. Steps jut out in arbitrary clusters, threatening to wrong-foot the unwary. And the central stairwell has been subjected to a strange squeezing; even slim visitors must contort their bodies in order to pass through its funnel-like space.

Occasionally, respite is provided from the giddy, tantalising assault-course Caro has devised. A table sits on a landing, and we approach with thoughts of resting there. But no seats are provided, and the space above the table is half-blocked by a protruding slab. As for the central room on the ground floor, where an undulating, palette-shaped bench does provide generous sitting-space, any reassuring prospect of shelter is soon dispelled. For the chamber is positioned directly beneath an open stairwell, and a dizzying perspective of steps spiral like demented vertebrae above us.

When Caro started to push his art in an architectural direction at the beginning of the 1980s, he produced a curving structure called the *Child's Tower Room*. As its name suggests, the work was meant to be savoured on the level of a game. Children relished clambering on it; and even if the new tower is larger and more complex, the emphasis on playfulness persists.

Confronted by the sequence of low-ceilinged spaces at the base of the structure, I found myself crawling through them without much hesitation. For the entire work stimulates an investigative urge, generating energy within the visitor as the exploration proceeds.

Although the tower often threatens to ensnare us, and takes a perverse pleasure in opening up avenues only to terminate them with abrupt cul-de-sacs, the confusions are not aggressively manipulated. Rather do they promote vigilance, and a keener awareness of our bodies' relationship with their surroundings.

In certain respects, the tower seems reminiscent of a ship. The inner rooms resemble cabins, portholes are bored through the outer walls, and look-out decks supply strategic views. Caro, who served as a sub-lieutenant in the Fleet Air Arm, has been preoccupied with maritime references for some years, and relishes incorporating dockyard scrap in his work.

All the same, these nautical associations should not be exaggerated. The tower's links with architecture remain strong, recalling the corkscrew gyrations of Tatlin's model for a *Monument to the Third International*. When compared with Tatlin's unrealised masterpiece, however, Caro's perversity becomes far more pronounced.

At times, the quirkiness of Gaudi, seems to be Caro's guiding influence. The crazily misshapen archways are surely infected with the sublime intoxication of Barcelona's greatest architect, and Caro may also have been wandering in his imagination through *Merzbau*, the Hanover house which Schwitters transformed into a highly charged warren of spaces, before allied bombs flattened it.

Whenever the tower is filled with visitors, though, it becomes animated by the interplay between "sculpitectural" form and their bending, probing limbs. In a real sense, the work cannot fulfil its potential without this all-important human presence, and a similar tension informs two of the other exhibits. Both were inspired by a visit to Olympia, where the carvings executed for the Temple of Zeus are preserved, fragmented yet powerful. Although divorced from the building they embellished, the centaurs and deities are still controlled by the shape of the pediments which once contained them.

Caro aims at a similar balance of forces in *After Olympia*, where a profusion of furled, billowing, erect and battered components are governed by a triangular format in a 77-foot frieze of rusted and varnished steel. At first glance, the entire piece resembles a destroyer becalmed in dry-dock after a vigorous enemy engagement. Gradually, however, the naval metaphor gives way to a more corporeal alternative. Without apeing the Temple of Zeus literally, *After Olympia*'s elements have the interpenetrating restlessness which runs through the temple's west pediment.

Caro is allowing the human figure to play a more prominent part in his recent sculpture, even if he retains the right to deploy a high degree of abstraction as well. The two sides come together in *Yanadu*, where girder-like uprights in dark steel contrast with more rounded, pale forms indebted to the female figures Caro admires in Matisse's 1916 painting, *Bathers by a River*.

Matisse's rigorous composition is enlivened by an outburst of burgeoning riverside leaves, and organic growth also explodes at intervals in Caro's tower, where one platform sprouts a tangle of plant-like forms.

Although its starting-point was, apparently, Courbet's tree paintings, *Night Movements* refuses to be pinned down to a sing: meaning. Walking between th work's four parts is certani akin to moving through a heavily foliated wood. Lixuiant ears of stained green steel well out to brush you; yvhanging forms offer protectio.

The staining is ipped quite freely, allowing the rust to remain visible as orange splashes in many plas. They give the surfaces a insuousness which the even painted tower lacks. Indeed, e musical flow and poise f *Night Movements* comes a relief after the sombre, sometimes oppressive ruminatis of the more bulky exhibits.

This sprigh work has a spleness which also minates the tumbli darting and cascading table-ulptures displayed in Caro's current show at **Annely Jud Fine Art**. Here he is at his mo balletic, using the table-tops s plinths but allowing the stee elements to tumble and dang over the edges with irrepressle zst.

At 67, he shows o sign of slowing up or corplacently reiterating a prover formula. Caro is no more capable of stagnation than is his most flamboyant work. Rsk-taking fires him still, and is continuing ability to extend the boundaries of sculture ugests that his deloprent will be peppered wh fuher surprises in the year ahed.

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A poor little rich girl from Streatham holds audience in the Ritz to tell **Kate Muir** some of the unexpected hardships of the catwalk

Life can be tough on only £10,000 a day

D. FINEMAN

Too rich to smile? but Naomi Campbell says that she is paid much less than the top white models

The Ritz is filled with the gentle rustle of Chanel carrier bags, and the clash of perfumes. It is an ideal place to make an entrance, what with the inlaid marble, proper red carpet, revolving doors and lines of supplicant waiting bellboys.

So when Naomi Campbell — "£10,000 -a-day supermodel" in tabloidese — explodes from the Paris night, a mere hour-and-a-half late, there is suitable staring and pointing.

The lobbyful of the filthy rich in neat little suits is not quite sure how to take about 8ft of black panther with long orange hair. Some look aghast. Others, in the know, realise it is *une supermodel*, here for the Spring-Summer ready-to-wear designer shows. They also know it is *une scandale*, what those girls are paid.

Ms Campbell, all arms and leggings, is now flitting between the hotel's three private phoneboxes, leaving callers hanging on. A small queue builds up, too terrified to interfere. The bellboy is transfixed.

At last, the woman who wanted to scotch the rumours that supermodels were overpaid and behaved like royalty is ready to talk. "I'm starving. I want chips," she says. A waiter crosses the bar to her seat by the live harpist. "You got French fries?" she says. He looks puzzled. "Pommes frites?" The harpist plucks louder. The waiter will only serve drinks. She orders a tomato juice *and* a strawberry bellini.

This week has been a bad one for Ms Campbell and her kind, her kind being Linda Evangelista, Christy Turlington, Cindy Crawford, Tatjana Patitz and Claudia Schiffer. The world's most expensive models have been horribly lambasted for earning sums like £11,700 for one show (Ms Evangelista for Lanvin), and for acting up like Hollywood-style goddesses. Ms Campbell is the only British model in the big league, and the only black one.

Although constantly included in the same breath of abuse, she claims to make less than the rest. "First of all, I don't earn a million a year," she says sliding out of an Azzedine Alaia leather jacket to reveal flesh, or at least something so loosely crocheted it was debatable if it could be defined as a garment.

"And I don't like the word supermodel. I'm not as marketable as the other top models because I'm black." So although she earns much the same on the catwalk, she misses out on the £2m contracts with cosmetics companies which the top white models add to their wage packets. "You can't sell white cosmetics on black skin, and there aren't any big companies out there who cater for ethnic women."

Her poverty, as such, is not enough to make you weep into your bellini, but Ms Campbell does have a point. She says she is offered "nowhere near" the same amount of money as the big blonde Americans and Germans for the same jobs, and that their faces can appear again and again on the front of international *Vogue* and *Elle*. She is used much less, as publishers like token equality, but secretly fear black cover girls reduce impulse buys. She claims to be the first and only black face to appear so far on the front of French *Vogue*. "I've got used to it. There are times when I just don't fit in. When I'm not part of things."

> *'First of all, I don't earn a million a year — and I don't like the word supermodel'*

She makes a similar point about complaints in various newspapers that she always looks sulky, so rich she does not have to smile. "That's just the way my face is. That's what my lips are like."

She can sound sulky, though, especially when called in her £300-a-night room early in the morning, early in this case being 11am. She sounds precisely like a higher pitched Tom Waits, the singer well known for his gravelly voice. Not surprising, then, that Ms Campbell is to launch her singing career soon, and is working on an album. She is also mindful of the shelf-life of beauty.

She describes her music as "rockish and raw", whatever that means. "And the lyrics are not too old for me I mean I'm only 21, and I don't want to talk about love, love, love, because I don't really know much about it yet." She veers between sweet innocence, and attempted worldliness, as does her accent. Her original Streatham, "sarf" London, is for the more naive sentences, but slips into light American when poise is required. She has just finished studying with a voice coach in case Hollywood calls.

What this meeting comes closest to, the realisation suddenly comes, is talking to Kylie Minogue on acid. All through the voice changes, wriggling and sudden gorgeous stares, she is eating peanuts, cashew nuts, raisins, homemade crisps and mini fruit kebabs and biscuits with pink sludge. It is gastronomically and psychologically disturbing.

The physical aspect is another worry. If this is the perfect modern body, it is clearly hip to be hipless. Curves are sparse on the 1990s icon, just as they were on the 1960s one, Twiggy. Strange that those two decades should produce models who made the leap from clotheshorse to thoroughbred, but the ones in between should not.

Ms Campbell puts it down to the hard work and professionalism of the modern girl, although she hastens to say she is there to show the clothes, not herself. Somehow, though, certain models have leapt the barrier of anonymity and have become catwalk personalities, so much so that shows lacking their names get less attention.

"I really began to notice it a year ago when I'd go out for a meal with someone and it would be reported in the papers the next day, even though nothing happened." Young girls started queuing for her autograph. "I don't mind. I was a groupie myself a few years ago. We used to wait outside Boy George's house all day. Now I know him. He's lovely. I think I'll send him some of my songs."

Her Jamaican mother decided early on that the young Naomi was destined for stardom and not the checkout at a Streatham supermarket. Although a single parent, she sent her daughter to the Italia Conti stage school to learn dancing, a skill which makes the ridiculous movements now expected on the catwalk a little easier.

Although some models do up to 21 shows in four days, Ms Campbell is performing in only ten, for undisclosed amounts, because if she did them all she would "fall down and die". Favoured designers, such as Ritfat Ozbek and Azzedine Alaia, get special treatment from the supermodel clique. "Of course we all do Alaia for nothing and he gives us clothes. That's a tradition." The stuffier designers whose clothes are less acceptable as barter have to pay in the traditional way — through the nose.

Still, it is a relief to know that there is work involved, hours of late-night fittings and rehearsals. The Japanese, Ms Campbell confides, are particularly draconian. Yesterday Comme des Garcons collected all the models from their hotels at 5.30am in time for two rehearsals before a 10 o'clock show. "They're very organised. They like to get it just right."

Then there are the endless lonely nights in hotels, with only other supermodels to talk to, away from her house in Streatham and apartment in New York. Fortunately for the poor little rich girl, she has company tonight. "Oscarrr!" she squeals running across the lobby. "Naomiii," says a man in his fifties in a good French checked jacket, kissing her.

"This is Oscar de la Renta," she says. "I'm doing his show." She tells Mr de la Renta about putting in a good word for overpriced models. "She's worth every penny," Mr de la Renta says, sliding an arm around her back.

Sexual harassment: who cares?

Laurie Taylor on why men of a certain age do

While the rest of the country was fiercely arguing the toss, my 18 and 19-year-old first year sociology students at York were finding it difficult to understand what made it all so controversial.

For a start, it was quite obvious to most of them that Anita Hill was in the right. One or two agreed that it was just possible she had been lying or exaggerating but after all, they insisted, if you took into account the millions of women all over the world who were subject to sexual harassment then the likelihood that the ones who came forward to testify to its existence were telling the truth was pretty high. Professor Hill had statistical probability on her side.

They certainly did not agree with my gentle suggestion that bringing the law into this area might make us all so self-conscious that normal conversation between men and women would have to be temporarily suspended or reduced to formal banalities.

Laurie Taylor

Why on earth was it difficult to avoid anything sexual in conversation? They could not imagine speaking to a woman in the way in which it was alleged Clarence Thomas had. Everyone avoided the one or two male students who behaved like that.

The more I went on about the danger of subjective judgments, the possibility that women who complained about sexual harassment were in danger of perpetrating the idea of themselves as victims — wasn't it better to learn how to fight back than to rush to law? — the more neanderthal I felt. They began to look at me with a mixture of incomprehension and pity usually reserved for references to the historical importance of trade unions.

I doubt if it is easy for any man over about 30 to meet the straightforward gaze of those who are so genuinely and innocently appalled by any form of sexual harassment. All through the week you could hear middle-aged men, who had found the spotlight turned on their everyday behaviour by the Senate hearing, busily covering their tracks, telling little self-serving anecdotes about the time — several years ago, of course — when they had — just the once, you understand — discussed dirty films or their sexual fantasies to this or that woman in the office. And lo and behold it turned out she had not minded one bit.

But it is a mark of how closely we were attending that Senate debate that many men seem to have realised that from this week on such self-justifications are in danger of sounding hollow. Perhaps that is why so many decided that the only way off the hook was to declare that Professor Hill was a liar.

Perhaps what every man over 30 who has sat shiftily through the week's proceedings now needs is a way of dealing with accumulated guilt. A sexual harassment amnesty. The equivalent of one of those police skips for illegally owned guns where they could own up to the battery of double entendres, crude jokes, little touches, one-sided sexual conversations, and insinuations which they have laid on women over most of their working lives.

"I'll hardly dare to breathe in front of women after all this," said a colleague last week. Well, as I'm sure my students would insist, perhaps a little breathlessness is simply the present cost of those years of pretence and hypocrisy. And if the publicity from this case really has had such a pronounced effect it might even make it less necessary to introduce laws on sexual harassment or to invoke them regularly. How much better if our behaviour towards others in public places were regulated as it mostly is, not by laws, but by good manners.

Libby Purves on why working women do not

There was a nice exchange in a London office this week, over the Clarence Thomas affair. A man, portentous and middle-aged, said earnestly to a female subordinate: "I take this sexual harassment issue very seriously indeed." Strangely annoyed, she replied: "Do you, George? Personally, I think it's hilarious." And removed herself rapidly, to get some actual work done.

Many working women are getting irritated by the whole subject. Both sexes have stared, mesmerised, at the emotional lynching in Washington, and the media have reacted by alternating harrowing case histories with articles by robust women urging their sisters to take the Miss Piggy line against sleazy colleagues and biff them (verbally, at least) in the eye. But older men seem unable to leave the subject, taking self-flagellating delight in discussing precisely what is sexual harassment. Is it compliments? Door-opening? Calling grown women "girls"? Having settled the matter to their satisfaction, they announce that they "take it all very seriously", perhaps put out a guideline or two and relax.

Libby Purves

And they are missing the point. Real sexual bullying happens between superiors and subordinates: the superior being a man, the subordinate a woman: a typist, a junior, a canteen worker. It is not the sexual advance which is offensive — outside the office, she could undoubtedly deal with it Miss Piggy fashion. What grates, and restrains, and causes tears of frustration is the exercise of power: the unspoken assurance in the minds of both parties that he will always be the boss and she the minion.

Women still have to be better, bolder, tougher than men in order to reach the same level. Even outside the years of family responsibilities, not enough of them do. The average woman's pay is half the average man's. The "glass ceiling" is a reality. Meet any group of workers and the top few are men, with a layer of talented women and younger men below. It is true in journalism, publishing, law, banking, medicine; trebly so in manufacturing or politics.

The law, and time, and demographics are on the women's side. But perhaps because they know this, the men in their fifties are finding the going hard. Quite simply, they don't know what to do about these uppity young flappers climbing the ladder behind them. These men grew up in a different world. Their wives never worked, at least not competitively. At the office there are creatures who seem biologically wifelike, yet who argue and wrangle and don't know when to give in gracefully.

Therefore such men do not quite know what to do. And the panacea for that is knowing what *not* to do. High-profile harassment cases are a godsend: they give this puzzled generation a whole set of things to avoid. They enable an old-fashioned, courteous man who would never dream of pinching a woman's bottom to feel smug about not doing so. And a bit protective, too, of the little ladies (oops!). Some even say: "I'm a feminist."

But women want something more basic and far less titillating: to be valued for plain work, and thought of as equally serious promotion prospects as men of similar talent. They want to get clear of the dead-end "women's" jobs, to dispel the miasma of awkward chivalry and have their voice heard.

And when all this happens, who knows? They might even overlook the odd drunken pass: forgiving men for their nature because at last, men have managed to forgive women for coming to work in the first place.

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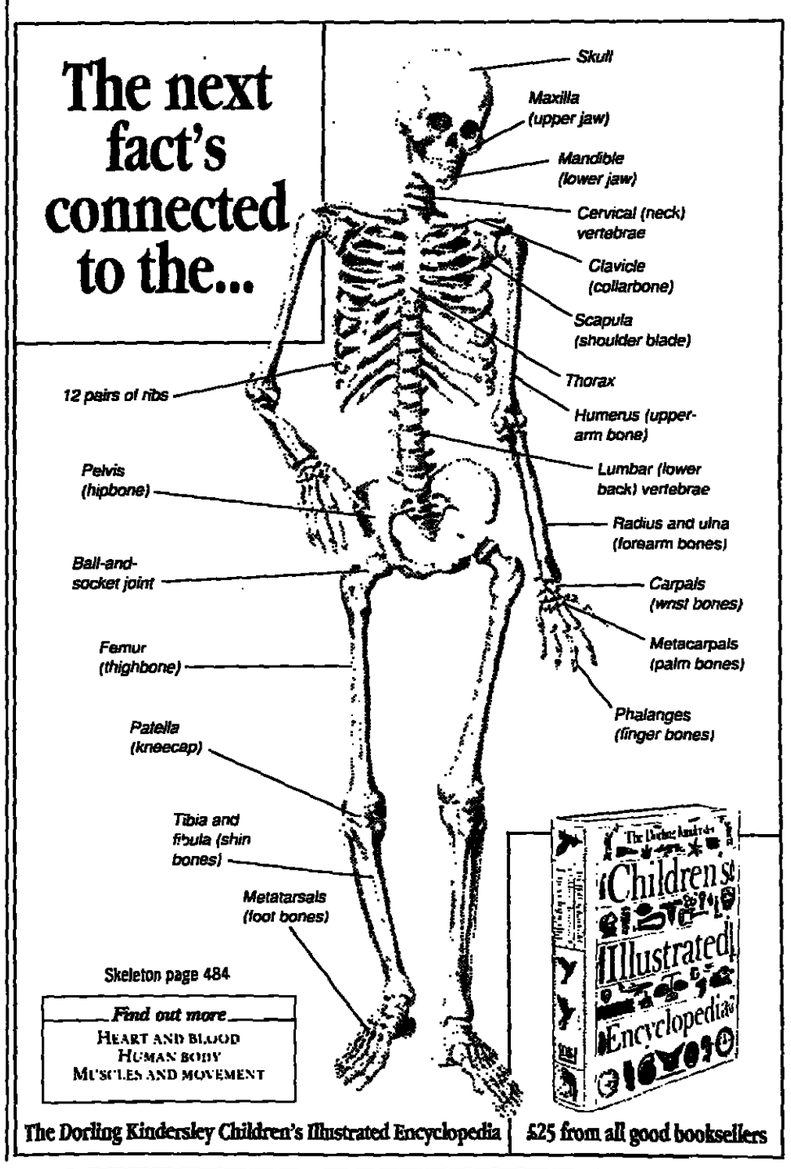

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Hansard: the great unread

John Grigg urges MPs to examine their record

Politicians are always said to be mad about publicity, and so in some ways they obviously are. But in one respect, British politicians neglect publicity woefully. Despite the decline of parliamentary reporting in newspapers, they fail to make any serious effort to promote the recording of Parliament in print.

There was a time when Commons debates were reported at length in the broadsheets, but no longer. Nowadays there is space only for front-bench speeches and a few paragraphs from a few back-benchers. Most MPs are lucky if their words are adequately reported even in their constituencies' local papers. In the national press they are given at most only a few lines.

This treatment does no justice to the quality of debate in the Commons, which is much higher than most people realise. Regrettable, too, is the similar neglect of proceedings in the Lords. Though debates there are, by and large, less lively than in the Commons, on certain issues the Lords' reservoir of experts comes into its own.

Parliament is, of course, recorded verbatim in Hansard. But how many citizens of our parliamentary democracy read the Lords' and Commons' Hansards? The figures are pathetic and pitiful. Of the daily Commons' Hansard, on average about 4,000 copies are printed; of the daily Lords' Hansard, about 2,500.

The figures for the weekly editions of Hansard are even worse. The Commons' weekly prints 1,400; the Lords' 700. Since most of these copies, daily or weekly, go to politicians themselves, or to specialist institutions, the sale to the general public is infinitesimal.

On a few big occasions, the print run may be increased. The peak attained in recent times was for the day of Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech in the Commons, when Hansard printed 4,800 copies. But this can hardly be regarded as mass circulation.

Price alone would be enough to account for Hansard's exiguous sale. The Commons' daily costs £6, its weekly £18; the Lord's daily costs £4, its weekly £8.50. These prices are guaranteed to kill the market. If parliament wants its proceedings to be widely read and studied, it must make the price of Hansard attractive.

Thought should also be given to improving the product, and then making sure that everybody knows about it. The weekly Hansards offer the best opportunity for development. Why should they not be combined in a single publication, including not only the record of Commons' and Lords' proceedings for the past week, but also coverage of the work of select committees, which is often fascinating as well as important? At present the work of select committees is recorded under three separate titles: the verbatim evidence for each sitting, the reports of each committee, and the minutes of proceedings (a purely formal document). Not surprisingly, the print for these records is, as a rule, numbered in hundreds.

Hansard is printed and published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office, which is also, in practice, responsible for nearly all the distribution and sale. Though HMSO is free to deal with commercial outlets, such dealings will naturally remain minimal so long as Hansard is produced and priced as it is now.

The need is for a professionally edited weekly Hansard, incorporating the weekly reports of both Houses and extracts from the work of select committees (evidence and reports). To these might be added a few articles and parliamentary profiles. The publication should be illustrated and have a bright cover.

Having evolved a product for which there could be genuine public demand, Parliament should ensure that it is offered at a price people might be willing to pay. A heavily subsidised weekly Hansard — and a subsidised daily too, for that matter — would be an excellent investment in democracy.

Parliament should also spend money on advertising the more accessible Hansards, particularly the new-look weekly. And HMSO should be encouraged to push the sale through every conceivable commercial outlet. Publicity should in any case be greatly assisted by the fact that Parliament is now televised (though as yet to a very limited degree). When a literary classic is dramatised for television, people rush in their thousands to buy the book. MPs should not be satisfied until people are often to be seen reading Hansard on buses and trains.

Charles Bremner, in New York, says Russia and the US are aping the worst of each other's societies

America's bloody example

A New Yorker was wounded in a shoot-out in a crowded restaurant on Sunday. That news might seem unexceptional in a week that saw 22 people murdered in a Texas cafeteria, but the restaurant is in Moscow. The American was caught in the crossfire of a gun and grenade fight that ended with the death of another man. Five other people were shot dead that night in the Russian capital. Such violence is one aspect of a striking symmetry between America and the former Soviet Union.

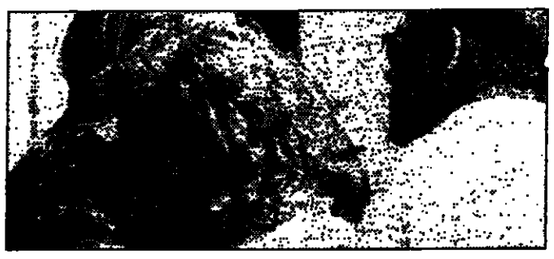
As it rushes towards capitalism and democracy, Russia is adopting American habits, both good and bad. That might be expected, but oddly, America is reciprocating, unconsciously taking on some old Soviet ways.

Rampages by crazed lone gunmen, an all-too-familiar horror of modern American life, still lie outside the Russian experience. But the ingredients of lawlessness and alienation that breed them are starting to be felt in the chaos now afflicting the Eurasian former superpower.

The statistics have yet to reach American proportions, but the crime-wave now surging from St Petersburg to Vladivostok calls for comparisons with the Wild West, gangland Chicago or the modern drug-wars of New York and Los Angeles. Firearms, of which there are said to be millions in private possession, are being wielded with an American-style abandon, often to settle squabbles or simply to express frustration.

In the sudden free-for-all brought on by the collapse of communism, Moscow has turned into a sea of racketeering, drug-dealing, gambling, prostitution and money-laundering, dominated by some 10 "Mafia" gangs, as they are always called. Al Capone had only one shortage to exploit — alcohol — but the Moscow gangs are extorting millions from the scarcity of nearly every commodity, from sugar to cars. Many gangs, it is said, operate through joint ventures with foreign concerns.

After decades of treating all profit-making as crime, the police are ill-equipped to distinguish between felony and the new business spirit. Arkady Murashev, the young democratic politician just appointed as Moscow's chief of police, sees prostitution and drug-taking as acceptable facets of the free market. Such thinking prevails throughout the new entrepreneurial class, which cannot get enough of everything American, from "bizness skooli" to personal bodyguards, as it scrambles to catch up on 74 years of lost initiative. Pioneers from 19th-century America would recognise the frenetic mercantile spirit that has established some 300 rudimentary "stock exchanges" across the country.



Grief: a Texan woman is comforted after the shooting

Try explaining to a dinner table of Moscow intellectuals that the free market is not the cure for everything and you will be shouted down. Talk about the cruelties of naked capitalism and you will be greeted with the scorn that neo-conservatives of the early Reagan years would have shown.

Yet while young Russians are embracing the American virtues of individual liberty and personal responsibility, Americans are moving away from them, preferring to shirk the burden through litigation and the rationale of victimhood.

Lulled by prosperity, Americans are coming to regard elections as meaningless. Most do not bother to vote. Many even tell pollsters that in an age of sound-bites and video-flashes they believe that they live in a one-party state. This apathy has given rein to the tyranny of the "politically correct", the minorities and interest groups who are using the courts and other institutions to enforce conformity and punish dissidents.

University lecturers are being sacked for showing insufficient zeal for the doctrine that all men, particularly white ones, are oppressors of women, either in deed or thought. Thought police are patrolling campuses, enforcing codes which include such offences as incorrect laughter. Across the country, dissident songs are being banned from the airwaves, the latest being "When I say no, I mean maybe" by the country singer Holly Dunn. (Sexual harassment is now considered as dangerous to American life as communism was once.) The repressions are of course trivial compared to those of communism, but the methods and mentality of self-censorship are familiar to any Russian. Muscovites saw something very familiar in the inquisition of Judge Clarence Thomas. Moscow television explained the judge's ordeal as the equivalent of a party personnel tribunal from the bad old days.

In popular culture too, there are increasing echoes of the old Soviet style. While the Russians have abandoned socialist realism, Hollywood and television are turning out ever more escapist fantasies that always end with the worker-wins-all happy endings once demanded by Stalin. If you want gritty realism or social satire, you have to go to a Russian film like *Little Vera* or *Taxi Blues*.

It may be frivolous to take these comparisons too far — America has immense strengths that justify envy and emulation — but perhaps some morals can be drawn. Americans should wake up to the need to defend the freedoms they take for granted. On the other side, it would help if the Russian enthusiasm for America were tempered with understanding of the social breakdown that sends thousands of teenage gunmen onto the city streets, and prompts middle-class suburbanites to vent their frustrations in mass murder. This was, after all, the only side of America the Russians were ever shown when the Kremlin ran the media. Now the difficulty is making anyone believe it.

The myth of Fortress Europe

Peter Riddell explores the dilemma posed by a new influx of immigrants

A WEEK IN POLITICS

Kenneth Baker believes large scale movement of people around the world will become one of the major political issues of the 1990s. It is already an urgent question in much of Europe, though it has hardly surfaced yet in British politics. Ministers worry in private about the implications — immigration control is the fastest growing part of government — and hope that tighter controls will prevent a political backlash. But restrictions are unlikely to prove a lasting solution.

A wave of migrants seeking asylum from the Third World and, most recently, from Eastern Europe has produced political tensions in Germany and France, and contributed to a series of violent attacks on foreigners. Trying to restrict the flow is rather like curbing drug abuse by attempting to prevent imports of heroin and cocaine. A few highly publicised seizures make little difference to the level of drug use. Similarly, tougher immigration procedures are unlikely to deter hungry and unemployed migrants from Africa or the former Soviet Union.

Unless their conditions at home improve, such people will continue to come to Western Europe. References back to the 1951 United Nations convention on refugees are increasingly irrelevant in a world where, as Douglas Hurd dismissively remarked last week, the great majority of asylum seekers are "looking for a more comfortable life, not fleeing persecution".

It is a matter of market forces, assisted by mass air travel. Both Western Europe and America are magnets to the impoverished and persecuted around the world. Immigration into America is now at its highest level since the mass influx around the turn of the century. In a current lottery, more than 15 million people are chasing 40,000 visas for permanent residence. America, however, has a tradition of welcoming migrants (despite a long period of restriction from the 1920s until the late 1960s).

By contrast, Europe has long been more exclusive and more inward-looking. While the numbers trying to enter Europe from outside rose during the 1980s, the Iron Curtain was an effective barrier across the continent. The Berlin Wall was put up in 1961 primarily as a means of stopping mass emigration from East Germany.

The dismantling of barriers within Europe has released a powerful tide. The number of requests for asylum within the European Community has more than doubled in the past two years, to around half a million per annum. New figures are likely to show a big exodus from Yugoslavia, which the Austrian army is vainly trying to stem. Germany is facing the most serious difficulties, absorbing former East Germans and ethnic Germans from Poland and elsewhere, as well as asylum seekers. Widespread incidents of violence have made immigration a dominant issue in German politics. Chancellor Kohl's ability to respond has been circumscribed by the refusal of other parties to back constitutional amendments to tighten the country's liberal regime. In France, former President Giscard d'Estaing has talked of an "invasion" of immigrants.

The British position is less serious, at present. Primary immigration has been halted, and there are now only around 50,000 legal entrants each year. Continuing difficulties concern enforcement and processing, not numbers. But after the experience of the 1960s, politicians remain sensitive about numbers. The spectre of Enoch Powell is never far away. Hence the government's alarm at the tenfold rise since 1988 in asylum applications. These have now reached 50,000 a year, still mainly from outside Europe.

John Major has taken a firm line: "We must not be wide open to all comers simply because Paris, Rome or London seem more attractive than Bombay or Algiers." The government still bases its policy on the 1951 distinction between economic migrants and political refugees with a well-founded fear of persecution. Legislation this winter will propose speeding up the system for processing applications for refugee status, which now takes 16 months.

Ministers want to avoid fuelling tensions, but the issue could be a vote-winner for the Tories. Mr Baker was quick to seize upon Roy Hattersley's comments at the Labour party conference that the government was making "a squalid appeal to racism" with its asylum legislation. After a suitably prim denial of racism, Mr Baker accused Labour of an "open-gates" policy and said the Tories were "just as concerned about bogus asylum seekers from Eastern Europe as from Africa or Asia". That earned some favourable headlines in the tabloids.

Away from conference rhetoric, the gap between the main parties is much smaller. Labour agrees that there should be no primary immigration and that only legitimate political refugees should be admitted. There are differences over procedures for assessing applications. Alistair Darling, Labour's spokesman, is concerned that the tighter controls and limits on appeals will be unfair — for instance, by denying legal aid — and he has urged a new, quick tribunal.

Ministers are sceptical about the feasibility of an external barrier round the community. In practice, the boundaries of Germany, Greece, Italy and Spain are porous. Consequently, the Tories want to retain our frontier controls. Labour is supportive, because it opposes the alternative of identity cards.

These proposals are nowhere near a solution. Mr Baker is this weekend visiting the American/Mexican border where he will see how difficult it is to control flows of migrants. But the real lesson from Mexico comes from the negotiations for a free-trade treaty with Washington. President Carlos Salinas argues that America must accept either more Mexican goods or more Mexican people.

Exactly the same applies in Europe. Instead of concentrating on tightening controls, the EC should open its markets to goods from the East. We are certain to have more Polish and Romanian workers in the West; we will have fewer if we admit more Polish and Romanian goods and assist the development of their economies. A second lesson is that new immigrants must be treated equally if we are to avoid creating an immigrant underclass like those in some American and French cities.

British ministers, like their opposite numbers in Bonn and Paris, are responding too negatively to the prospect of mass movement of people in the 1990s. Building dams against outsiders may impress the voters at home in the short-term, but it will not be enough to stop the flood.

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ALAN COREN

You know how eyes are, as they ungum for morning. "In Colour", trumpeted the first front page they fell on, "The Waleses by Snowdon". Who would not turn immediately to page 9? Poland's first family lolling in the old wizard's chiaroscuro, moustaches purply reflected in a vat of bortsch, a burlap headscarf mottled by the single lightbulb, a gantry crane or two beyond the window, a big Slav goosehound scratching in the grate.

No such luck, of course. The eye did not have it. As they cleared, page 9 offered them only the Waleses by Snowdon, yet again. A curious portrait this time, mind, fraught with imponderability: beneath a fat old English oak, the king-in-waiting stands, incongruously lounge-suited, one hand on the shoulder of his jodphured consort, the other on the shoulder of his younger son, who, in his turn, clutches the bridle of a tiny horse. The next King William sits at his mother's feet, nudged by her knee, and balanced, on her further flank, by an open hamper stocked with grapes and oranges and pears. Nine eyes gaze out at us, eight smiling; but the ninth is louche. Is the pony making some kind of point?

We cannot decode this last any more than we can decode all the rest. We know our future queen to be no hippophile, so why the riding boots? Are they a sly indicator of wifely compliance, designed to frustrate rumour? A bid to restore Northampton to its feet, or rather ours, since what the Princess wears today, the whole world buys tomorrow? And all that fruit, not merely lurking in the wickerwork, but filling a big tin table, too, and also spilling from Prince William's plate — a vegan health-hint from Daddy, perhaps, but if so, why has none of it been touched? There are no cores, no pips, no stalks; could carnivorous tantrums have been thrown, why can't we have pork pies like other people, why can't we have Spam sarnies? And what of the two large hip-flasks? Can it conceivably be that when the weight of duty grows too great, they all run into the nearest field and quietly get blotto?

Little deserves a loyal subject's sympathy more than the royal obligation to pose for formal snaps. I imagine they are compelled to submit to them to offset the extempore damage done by cheeky papparazzi, a skirt caught by a capricious gust, a highlight winking off a bald patch, a telephotoed sunbathe, a tumble from a horse, an incautious al fresco widdle, but I fear it does them less good than their PR department believes. There may be no art to find the mind's construction in the face, but that won't stop 50 million people trying: is he glum, is she lonely, are the kids smart, do they all love one another, would they like to chuck everything up and move to Morecambe, what does the horse know that we don't?

I abhor formal photographs; and the more professional the person behind the lens, the ghastlier it is for the person in front. It is like having an interior decorator rearrange your psyche. Try the chin in the hand, they say, pull the hat down, raise one eyebrow, make the smile just a teensy bit more quizzical. Look warm, look heroic, look wry.

You can tell the way I feel by making no more effort than running your eye a couple of inches up this page, though it will not tell you the way I am. You appear, do you not, to be looking through the hatch of a cell-door at a singularly unsavoury inmate. You would not want a loved one to accept a boiled sweet from him.

It took a highly professional photographer several rolls of film to secure that little winner. It was supposed to sum me up. What do you want me to do? I asked him. Look like a humourist, he said.

I cannot begin to tell you how much that photograph depresses me. Not only, as I witter on beneath it of this and that, will readers envisage this horrible head engaged upon the various expeditions undertaken on their behalf, it will continually distract them with speculation as to how it got that way. Life, they will murmur, has not done right by this poor sod. I wonder what it was, exactly?

Pity he hasn't got a horse with him. It might give us a clue.

Mandela switches sides

HEADS of state at the Commonwealth summit have been surprised by Nelson Mandela's enthusiasm for the return of South Africa to international test cricket. In fact, says Sunil Gavaskar, the former Indian test captain, Mandela has been waiting for more than 40 years for an opportunity to support his own nation on the cricket field, after years of backing the opposition on principle.

Mandela told Gavaskar that he first became hooked on cricket in 1950 when he watched the teenage prodigy Neil Harvey score a century for Australia against South Africa in Durban.

Gavaskar, the world's leading test run scorer, who was in South Africa with Sir Gary Sobers to support the Springboks' return, visited Mandela at his home with Ali Bacher, the last South African test captain. Gavaskar says he was astonished to learn that Mandela was a cricket fan. "In spite of being in prison for all those years, he managed to keep up with what was going on in sport. That test match all those years ago left a very lasting impression on him. He had to watch it in a separate stand for blacks, and he never forgot it as either a sporting or a political experience."

Gavaskar explains: "South Africa were winning until Neil Harvey came in and turned the match. Harvey, as a white Australian, became Mandela's sporting hero."

Gavaskar says Mandela's support for the Springboks' return is critical and his love of the game profound. "He called me 'little master' [the nickname by which the Indian opener was known throughout the cricketing world]. I told him he was the great master."

● *Has anyone actually seen the poster campaign launched by Labour this week attacking the government's record on the health service? Newspaper and television cameras were invited to a prominent site on the south side of London's Vauxhall Bridge on Monday, where Labour launched a poster which it declared was part of "a major new assault". Yet by Thursday, the poster had failed to materialise anywhere else around the country, and the much-photographed example at Vauxhall had also disappeared, to be replaced by a Marlboro country ad. Labour insists it will be putting up more — soon.*

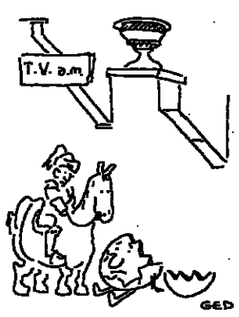
Cracking up

THE fate of Britain's most famous eggcups was exercising architectural buffs yesterday, following TV-am's loss of its franchise. The brightly coloured features adorn the station's Camden building, which faces an uncertain future.

Peter Jay, TV-am's founding father, says: "I am emotionally attached to the building as it has great nostalgic value for me. It's a conversion of the Henly's Garage where I bought my first car in 1961 and where my father bought his 30 years earlier."

Jay says he was "never enthusiastic" about the eggcups, but felt it was important to give the architect, Terry Farrell, total artistic freedom. "I wanted a coherent design and not a committee's dog's breakfast."

The architect himself says: "I would hate the building to vanish or for half of it to be taken down. But architecture is quite capable of evolving, and the building could lend itself to other uses. If the Milk Marketing Board were to take it over, colourful milk-bottles could happily replace the eggcups."



Selling of Serbia

AT LEAST the PR men are making money out of Yugoslavia. With Sir Tim Bell working for the ousted royal family, and another outfit having signed up with the Croats, the Serbs are about to do business with Saatchi and Saatchi. Dragutin Zelenovic, the Serbian prime minister, has approached the agency's office in Belgrade to discuss the possibility of an image-building campaign.

Saatchi's declined. "We decided the global circumstances made it inappropriate," says the company's Belgrade's vice president, Ivan Stankovich, with understatement not characteristic of the industry.

Instead, Saatchis' decided, a campaign to promote business opportunities for foreign investors would be more suitable. "We looked at the portfolio of products which our client has to offer and this had the best chance," says Stankovich, proving that ad-speak is international. A deal is imminent but whether industry is ready to put its money into Serbia is less certain.

Opposing benches

RONALD REAGAN breezed into town yesterday preaching the virtues of Reaganomics as a cure for the ills of the former "evil empire". The message was delivered amid the splendour of the Royal Society of Arts. Whether Reagan knows his Manet from his Monet is a moot point, but the former president paid tribute to the Royal Society of Arts for "promoting the creative role of business in society".

Reagan's planned trip to Oxford this week, however, was called off. "Internal scheduling problems" were the official reason. Others suspect that it had more to do with Nancy discovering that the Oxford Union issued an open invitation to Kitty Kelley some time ago. Nick Edgar, who as president of the Oxford Union was to be Reagan's host for his speech to students, says: "Yes, we have invited Kitty Kelley, and she is keen to come. The two invitations just happened to coincide, but their speeches would have been far apart."

● *The Dutch are involved in some mind-bending research. Scientists involved in a four year research programme at the agricultural research institute in Wageningen are planning to open the first-ever cannabis paper mill in 1996. Cannabis has great unexploited potential as a paper-making material, they say, and the plant's leaves are particularly suitable for bank notes and stamps.*

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SOUTH-EAST SHAKE-OUT

Half the September increase in reported unemployment for the whole United Kingdom, 35,700, was contributed by *one region*, the South-East of England. Last month brought unemployment there to an additional 17,800 people. With 7.6 per cent of its total workforce unemployed, the South-East is still suffering less in absolute terms than any region except East Anglia (with 6.3 per cent). But it is the rate of growth of unemployment, not the absolute figure, which is the *measure of the degree of pain*. In contrast, unemployment actually fell by 1,500 in Scotland in September.

The continuing deterioration in the South-East, faster than elsewhere in Britain, is bound to make the government nervous. In 1987 the Tories won 107 of the 108 seats in the South-East outside London and 57 of the 84 seats within it. Many are vulnerable to Labour or to a *Liberal Democrat revival*. High unemployment accompanied by the middle-class fallout of bankrupt businesses, home repossessions, soaring debt, children removed from fee-paying schools and the rest, could fuel just such a revival.

Nervous ministers may be, but powerless too. Having cut the prime lending rate by 4 per cent in the last year to 11.5 per cent, the *same level as in Germany, the government* has little leeway for more of the same. But if the economic sun is not going to rise over the South-East until well into next year, then self-help is the best hope of the region's middle classes. Their relief lies not at a macro-economic level, but at the level of the firm and the individual. The South-East is the most service-orientated and therefore the least unionised and least industrial of regional economies. Its residents have often delighted to lecture workers in other regions, particularly in manufacturing industry, "not to price themselves out of a job."

The South-East must learn to practice what it has always preached. Those in the consultancy professions — the law, financial services, property — can easily continue to charge more than the market will bear without realising it. Fees, theoretically negotiable, are in practice presented to customers as a *fait accompli*. Bills are issued unitemised; challenging them is embarrassing; *price competition between neighbouring* firms is regarded as unfriendly.

Thus are restrictive trade practices made by social pressure to feel acceptable, even invisible. Those levying excess charges may not realise the danger until too late. Sometimes they blithely raise prices in line with or above inflation, on the grounds that continuing customers must compensate them for the business that has been lost from those who can no longer afford their services. But the one virtue of recession is that it makes efficiency, flexibility and value for money essential to job survival rather than merely desirable for job satisfaction.

The legal profession, with a total annual turnover of £5 billion and a considerable and typical employer in the South-East, is a case in point. Yesterday, the president of the Law Society, Philip Ely, was predicting further job losses among solicitors and their professional acolytes. Meanwhile the Law Society *itself is laying off many staff at its* London headquarters. The society's secretary general, John Hayes, said there are hundreds of solicitors round the country who are unable to find jobs.

The day before, however, the society was congratulating itself on a 16 per cent rise in total income from fees in the financial year 1990-1. In the London area, the increase was a staggering 22 per cent. Solicitors in effect awarded themselves a pay rise of 13 per cent last year and 14 per cent this. Businessmen staving off bankruptcy are shocked to find *themselves charged up to £300 an hour for* legal advice by commercial lawyers.

If such short-term self-interest in the legal profession is at all representative of the way the rest of the middle classes in the South-East are facing the recession, then it is no wonder unemployment in the region is rising faster than elsewhere. The 1980-1 recession caused a great shake-out of inefficiency and overmanning in industry. The 1990-1 recession should be allowed to do the same for services.

SANCTIONS DESANCTIFIED

Nelson Mandela is officially just an observer at the Commonwealth summit in Harare. But as a possible future president of South Africa he has been courted by every head of government. Yesterday Mr Mandela invited the Australian prime minister, Bob Hawke, to visit South Africa — it seems, with President F. W. de Klerk's blessing.

The leader of the African National Congress has made a rapid transition from incarcerated hero to quasi-ambassador. This admirably suits Pretoria, the indirect beneficiary of the country's new respectability. But where does that leave the ANC's view on sanctions, and its *virtual* veto over their lifting by many Commonwealth states? At Harare Mr Mandela will have been aware that support for sanctions even among black African states is dwindling fast. In recent weeks Kenya has dropped its pretence of trade sanctions to the point at which the state airline now flies businessmen to South Africa. South African goods, often disguised by fake labels, are sold all over black Africa. The "front-line states" have long acted as secret conduits for South African trade. The lifting of most European and American sanctions rendered nugatory those *still* operated by some Commonwealth states. John Major, who wants to end sanctions, is knocking at an open door.

Mr Mandela has none the less ostensibly tried to persuade the conference that economic sanctions should remain in place at least until an interim multi-racial government is actually in office in Pretoria. He concedes that sanctions now have a limited shelf-life, but argues that Mr de Klerk still needs the carrot of a gradually phased lifting of sanctions tied to white concessions during the round-table talks on the new constitution. This was the position agreed by a number of Commonwealth leaders at Delhi earlier this year.

The danger for Mr Mandela is that the ANC might find itself outpaced by events. He would be wiser to choose the bolder course of hastening, even sponsoring, the inevitable end of sanctions as he yesterday called for the lifting of the cricket boycott.

In South African politics, sanctions have long been tangential to the emerging political agenda. There is no evidence to suggest that Mr de Klerk's constitutional position will be affected by an attempt to keep them in place. Violence in the townships is now the more urgent issue. Mr Mandela's insistence that a police-backed "third force" is destabilising the fragile truce between the ANC and the Zulu-led Inkatha is now delaying talks on the draft constitution.

Both Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela rule divided communities. Of the two, Mr Mandela faces the greater short-term difficulties. Yesterday the radical black group Azapo accused the Democratic and Labour parties *of "collaboration" with Pretoria, causing* these mainly white and coloured groups to withdraw from a gathering of opposition leaders at Durban next week. With the ANC trying hard to keep its young extremists from declaring war on Inkatha and severing relations with Mr de Klerk, Mr Mandela knows that to ditch sanctions too publicly would invite the fury of his own left-wing.

But if he wants to continue as co-arbiter of South African policy alongside the state president, Mr Mandela must at all costs keep pace with events. A septuagenarian is in constant danger of slipping into the symbolic but impotent role of elder statesman. A future President Mandela does not want to inherit an economy damaged by sanctions and have to go cap in hand to the G7 and the IMF. Mr Mandela should show the world that he can lead his people to close one chapter of their history and open the next.

RENEWABLE ELEPHANTS

Six African governments have appealed for the controlled resumption of the ivory trade when a ban agreed in 1989 comes up for review next year. They argue that their peasants need economic incentives to treat elephants as a renewable resource rather than as a pest to be eliminated, and that governments need the revenue to police against poachers. Britain and others want to maintain the ban until it is certain that the species could survive the resumed trade.

Only two questions were asked in 1989: could a ban be made to work and, if so, would it save the African elephant from extinction? The ban has been in effect for only 22 months, but already the answer to the first question is yes. Those who claimed that a ban would be unpoliceable and would simply drive up black market prices, increasing incentives for poachers, have been proved wrong. In China, Hong Kong and Japan, sales and prices have plummeted. In Africa, poaching has declined dramatically. The ban has closed the loopholes in the "legal" trade. Black market prices in Africa have slumped for lack of buyers — in Zaire, for instance, from $95 to $10 per kilogram.

The answer to the second question is more complex. In the countries where game management is weak, herds had been so depleted that recovery will take many more years. In South Africa and Zimbabwe (although not in some other countries which are appealing for a lifting of the ban), game management is serious business. One result is over-population: robust herds are having to be culled to prevent damage to their habitats. Both countries want to sell the ivory "by-product" of these culls, saying that they see no reason to be penalised for lawlessness in other countries. They also say that they can keep the trade legal.

The evidence so far is against them. Between 1973 and 1990, when the trade was supposed to be subject to stringent international controls, ivory poaching and smuggling flourished. Africa's elephant population fell from around two million to 600,000. Certificates of origin meant little. Between 1986 and 1988 South Africa filed export quotas for more than 34,000 tusks, a figure far beyond its total elephant population.

Elephant-lovers must, however, see reason. Africa is no longer a true wilderness. To survive, elephants must cohabit with humans under the latter's protection. There is a conservationist case for culling. Responsible governments which have made a successful tourist industry out of live elephants should be able to add revenue from culling and from big game shooting of old bulls without bringing down the wrath of the wildlife lobby. There may even be a case for relaxing the UN convention to allow controlled trade in the skins of culled elephants. These take too long to remove to be of interest to poachers. But only the skins: the evidence is that easily smuggled ivory is what makes elephants vulnerable to poaching. So long as there was a legal market, illegal ivory made its way into it. There is no reason yet to believe that this would not happen again. The ban should stay for the time being.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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British Airways' choice of engine

From the Chairman of British Airways

Sir, Lord Caldecote argues (letter, October 17) that in purchasing engines and aircraft British Airways should subordinate the interests of the company and its shareholders to the wider needs of British industry.

The evidence does not support Lord Caldecote's argument. It is because protectionism is not a feasible option for this country that the present government has favoured a policy of promoting competition.

It is the policy of British Airways to buy British when price, quality and technical specification are competitive. But we are an international airline operating in a global market. More than 60 per cent of our business is generated overseas. Some 40 per cent of our shares are *held by non-UK nationals. If US* carriers were to follow the logic of Lord Caldecote's argument Rolls-Royce would be excluded from the world's largest aero-engine market.

The choice of an aircraft or aero-engines is determined by the airline's judgment of its technical qualities and of the commercial benefit to the airline.

In the recent competition we were satisfied that the engines for our Boeing 777s offered by the three contenders (General Electric, Pratt and Whitney, and Rolls-Royce) would all be capable of doing what they were designed to do (report, August 22).

Our commercial judgment was based upon the initial price to the airline and our assessment of the ongoing operating costs of the engine/aircraft combination. Our selection was based on the winner by a clear margin of this competition.

We have the greatest admiration for the quality of Rolls-Royce's products and remain their best customer. We have been the launch customer for Rolls-Royce-powered Boeing 747, 757 and 767 aircraft.

When BOAC decided to buy Boeing 707 aircraft instead of VC10 *and Super VC10 aircraft they did so* because they judged the latter to be uncompetitive with the fleet at that time operated across the Atlantic by Pan Am. Lord Caldecote does not mention that the first Boeing 707s ordered by BOAC were powered by Rolls-Royce/Conway engines. Later deliveries were powered by the more fuel-efficient Pratt and Whitney JT3 engine. The VC10 and the Trident are both examples of high-quality British engineering products which were commercially uncompetitive in world markets.

Yours sincerely,
KING, Chairman,
British Airways,
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8 St James's Square, SW1.
October 17.

The NHS: profit and the public purse

From Dr M. S. T. A. Lawrence

Sir, Why *all this argument about* whether the National Health Service will be privatised? It has been privatised already. The government argues that health care will always be free, *but that is a purchaser criterion*, and privatisation relates to providers not purchasers.

Dustbin collection is free, but many of the contracts are now operated privately. Were the purchaser side of the NHS to be privatised, say by compulsory insurance, that would be privatisation far beyond any precedent.

The NHS has, by the government's reforms, been divided clearly into purchasers and providers. The purchasers, increasingly fund-holding general practices, are given NHS money to buy services for their patients. They can spend that money with any provider, private or NHS.

They are buying private hospital care, and even services such as physiotherapy, from profit-making companies which they themselves have set up. Naturally the straightforward items for uncomplicated patients will be bought in the private sector, leaving complicated matters to the public sector, where unit costs will steadily rise. We have seen it happen with the charity hospitals in the USA.

Hospital trusts are a halfway house. Technically NHS, they operate in a market place, no longer obtaining their money by direct funding but by achieving contracts with purchasers. They are liable to go bankrupt if they fail to earn enough. They are private in all but ownership, and could be sold off at any time with minimal change in management.

The question to be asked is not whether privatisation will happen, but whether it is a good thing. It may well be the fastest way to achieve quality, efficiency and rationalisation of services. In London it has demonstrated the over-provision of services so fast that the government has had to stop its own policies and order an enquiry.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN LAWRENCE,
West Street Surgery,
12 West Street,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.
October 14.

From Dr John Fry

Sir, The frenetic politicking over the "privatisation" of the National Health Service lacks common sense.

The per capita annual cost of the NHS this year will be over £500. It matters little whether the cost of our health care comes out of direct general taxation, as of now, or out of indirect "privatised" taxation such as payment for eye tests, prescrip*tion charges or pre-paid insurance*.

Health care will still cost each of us over £500 annually. This figure is less than one half that in the USA and one third that spent in most Western European countries with no greater health benefit to the general public in those countries.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FRY,
3 Kings Court,
Kelsey Park Avenue,
Beckenham, Kent.
October 14.

From Professor David Marsland

Sir, Your lead editorial, "Unhealthy politics" (October 11), is as important as any you have published in the past decade. Reform of the health service is indeed absolutely essential. Control of abuses by health-care workers is, just as you say, overdue. The Opposition is *behaving wholly irresponsibly*, as your analysis suggests.

Whichever party were in power, the government would have to wrestle with the four enemies of health-care reform which I examined in a speech at the Blackpool conference: political expediency, outmoded ideology, vested interests and the burdensome weight of habit.

If the NHS is to address the new and escalating challenges of the 1990s effectively, reform is essential. The health-care reactionaries' long-playing whine about underfunding is as irrelevant as it is implausible.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MARSLAND,
Gordon House,
300 St Margaret's Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

From Mr John Gooddy

Sir, Whilst a patient's charter is being considered, it would be useful if a charter for those actually working the service could also be considered, covering such matters as:

Junior doctors working in excess of 80 hours a week.

Thirty-nine thousand nurses who after three years still await regrading appeals.

Highly qualified senior registrars who lack the consultant posts for which they have trained.

Perhaps a "mention in dispatches" for the consultant neuro-surgeon whose services were available at 10.30pm on a Saturday night in the City of London to treat a gravely injured boxer.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN GOODDY,
Lesta House,
Bampton, Oxfordshire.

National anthem

From Mr Colin Kitching

Sir, Usually I hear the national anthem sung properly a mere four times a year — in our parish church on Remembrance Sunday, in the Albert Hall on the last night of the Proms and twice at Twickenham, before England's home rugby internationals.

This year, however, I have heard the anthem on three extra occasions, thanks to the rugby World Cup. Without being too sanguine I hope it will ring out again at Twickenham in November.

But why is *God Save the Queen* so rarely sung now? Is it self-consciousness, or general yobbishness, or what? And is the national anthem ever sung in Scotland or Wales these days?

Yours faithfully,
COLIN KITCHING,
24 Chestnut Way, Repton, Derby.

Land of the living

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir, Mr Stamp (October 15) must surely tell Commercial Union on how many days he has felt more dead than alive. The company can then reduce his annuity pro rata.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. P. HUMPHREY,
14 Ambrose Place,
Worthing, West Sussex.

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Mercy killing

From Mr Anthony H. Chapman

Sir, Among news that daily tends to reflect a certain degradation of human morality, Daniel Johnson's article ("True face of mercy killing", October 11) was a breath of fresh air. More particularly, the siren voices of the "exit" brigade have effectively been countered by this affirmation of the intrinsic goodness and resilience of our human nature in the face of adversity.

Mr Johnson's homily provides a shield against the vulnerability of our despair in times of deep trouble.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. CHAPMAN,
30 Church End, Everton,
Bedfordshire.

No place like it?

From Mrs D. M. Greenhalgh

Sir, The stately homes of England,
How beautiful they stand!
Amidst their tall ancestral trees,
O'er all the pleasant land.

Many pre-1914 school anthologies included this poem from *The Homes of England*. It was learnt by heart by generations of children: Was Noël Coward (b.1899) one of them (letter, October 10)?

Yours faithfully,
ROSA GREENHALGH,
3 Cricket Lawns, Oakham,
Rutland, Leicestershire.

Honouring wartime special forces

From the Deputy Director General of the Imperial War Museum

Sir, Mr Siddeley (letter, October 8) and Nigel West (article, October 12) are right to suggest a museum dealing with intelligence and special operations and I can confirm Mr West's report that the Imperial War Museum and the Special Forces Club have been working together for several years to accumulate suitable display material with this end in view.

The aim is, indeed, to establish a permanent special forces exhibition in the museum's main building as soon as the funds for completing its refurbishment are available. This display will serve both as a record of special operations and as a memorial to the bravery of those who took part in them.

It will also have the important advantages first, of enabling our visitors to study these events against the wider background of the story of the international conflicts to which they relate and secondly, of utilising fully the curatorial and other resources of the appropriate existing national institution which already has significant collections in this field.

Finally, Mr West will be reassured to know that our Enigma German code machine (bought, incidentally, in the open market from a dealer) is displayed, in a prominent position, with its lid open, and an explanation of how it was used and why it was so important.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT CRAWFORD,
Deputy Director General,
Imperial War Museum,
Lambeth Road, SE1.
October 15.

From Brigadier R. L. Stonham (retd)

Sir, Readers of Nigel West's fascinating article may like to know that the Royal Signals Museum at Blandford (not Trowbridge) plans to build a new, larger museum of army communications, just outside the boundary of the military camp. This will give unrestricted access to the public and enable us to display our full range of artefacts, using audio-visual effects, dioramas, tableaux and voice commentaries.

We already have an Enigma machine on display and propose to make this the centrepiece of one of the tableaux; another will feature the several suitcase wireless transmitters in our collection.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD STONHAM
(Project Manager, Museum of Army *Communications*),
Royal Signals Museum,
Blandford Camp,
Blandford, Dorset.
October 15.

From Mr Charles Baker-Cresswell

Sir, Nigel West calls for a museum of espionage, and suggests exhibits. Your photograph showed Enigma. One was captured by the crew of HMS Bulldog from U-110 in May 1941 in the North Atlantic.

My father — then Commander A. J. Baker-Cresswell, RN — commanded Bulldog and the 3rd Escort Group. He and I have recently decided to try to recapture Enigma from the depths of the Foreign Office, so that this war-winning trophy can be exhibited in the North-East, where all members of the Royal Navy, the Merchant Navy and the general public will receive a warm welcome as they visit it.

Judging by the difficulty I am having in getting the Ministry of Defence to release a suitable trophy to the North-East to commemorate northeast servicemen and women in the Gulf, Mr West has a hard job ahead. I wish him well. I resist his location — Baker Street; although at least the name inspires confidence.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BAKER-CRESSWELL
(Chairman),
The Fusilier Museum of Northumberland,
Abbot's Tower, Alnwick Castle,
Northumberland.
October 13.

From Sir John Barran

Sir, Congratulations on the excellent article on "Britain's secret history". There is no doubt that without our *expertise in intelligence, deception* and code-breaking we would not have won the war. The flood of books which have appeared since the 30-year rule was passed has enabled us to get some inkling of our amazing achievements in these fields; but now that the external threat from communism has really died down, we can at last enter areas which (for sound security reasons) have been out of bounds for so long.

The younger generation has little detailed knowledge of what went on and (with the exception of the underground war rooms in Whitehall) there is virtually nothing to see.

As part of the "peace dividend" could not some of the money currently spent on equipping the services (the price of a Tornado perhaps) be used to open up and maintain these secret places — and their study be incorporated in the school syllabus for the history of the 20th century?

I hope that Nigel West will be stimulated to follow up his fascinating and thought-provoking article.

Yours sincerely,
J. BARRAN,
17 St Leonard's Terrace, SW3.
October 12.

Army overstretch

From General Sir Martin Farndale

Sir, Your editorial on defence (October 14) omits several key issues. To judge the correctness or otherwise of the Options for Change plan it is important to know that the army has already been cut back over *the years, mainly by reducing establishments*, so that now few units can man all their equipments in peacetime. All need reinforcement from other units before going on operational tasks, *even in Northern* Ireland.

The army today already suffers from acute overstretch. So far no commitments have been elimi*nated; that in the Central Region has* altered enough, we are told, to enable the withdrawal and disbandment of some 22 units (ten infantry, seven armoured and five artillery).

But the "Options" plan proposes to cut 27 units from the Central Region (13 infantry, eight armoured and six artillery) and a further four will go in 1997 when we leave Hong *Kong. The army is thus bound to* become more overstretched unless commitments are drastically reduced further or the number of units and their establishments increased.

The problem that will not go away is that of providing a relief for those regiments/battalions around the world and Northern Ireland every six months, of giving an interval between these tours of 24 months and, at the same time, *maintaining* primary defence tasks at full strength, bringing all units back to an establishment whereby they can man all their equipments and giving men enough time to train for modern "hi-tech" warfare.

An army of 116,000, with 12,000 permanently under training, is not enough, as time will show; 125,000 is an absolute minimum. I fear for "smaller and better".

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN FARNDALE
(Commander-in-Chief, BAOR, 1985-7),
16 St James's Square, SW1.
October 15.

From Lady Macmillan

Sir, Our prime minister said of his job: "I've got it, I like it, I intend to keep it." Scotland has them, Scotland likes them, Scotland wants to keep them. Could Mr Major and Scottish voters help each other?

Yours sincerely,
BELINDA MACMILLAN
(Keep Our Scottish Battalions Campaign),
Boghall Farm, Thornhill, Stirling.

Immigration policy

From the Minister for Immigration

Sir, Mr Barry Walker commented (letter, October 16) about your report on October 14 concerning two Russian composers who had allegedly been granted "sanctuary" in this country. I think that it is right, in fairness to the two applicants, to set the record straight, although we do not normally comment on individual immigration cases.

Under the immigration rules, writers and artists, including composers, who have demonstrated their ability to earn a living for themselves and their families using their talents, and who will not require recourse to public funds, are entitled to be granted UK visas for this purpose. Such people may stay *here for* a period of up to four years. It is in this capacity that the two composers qualify for visas.

The asylum procedures and the government's proposals to introduce measures to curb their abuse have no relevance in this case. Neither of these two composers has applied for asylum in the United Kingdom and it is regrettable that a spurious political point has been made at their expense.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LLOYD,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071) 782 5046.

Peace and defence

From Mr A. J. Augarde

Sir, It is ironic that letters complaining at the proposed defence cuts (October 15) are printed alongside the editorial in which you rightly praise Aung San Suu Kyi, the winner of the Nobel peace prize, for her "resolutely non-violent message".

Who, I wonder, has the greater moral courage: those who plead for Britain to keep its unnecessarily large armed forces, or this Burmese woman who has adhered to non-violence even against a brutal military dictatorship?

Yours faithfully,
A. J. AUGARDE
(Campaign organiser),
Peace Pledge Union,
6 Endsleigh Street, WC1.
October 15.

Weighty issue

From Mr Douglas Halliday

Sir, Having carefully calculated my requirements, I recently attempted to buy 100 metres of wire at my local hardware store. However I was met by blank incomprehension on the part of the assistant, who told me that wire was only sold "by weight".

Are there other examples of totally inappropriate units of sale for everyday items?

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS HALLIDAY,
The Old Bakery, Stourton,
Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.
October 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 17: The Princess Royal this morning attended the Rugby Football Union's International Coaching Congress at Bisham Abbey, Berkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr J. Henderson).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness attended a Carers' Day organised by the Uttlesford Council for Voluntary Service at Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow and was received by Mrs Michael Rendle (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex).

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, President of Patrons of Crime Concern, attended Crime Concern's Annual Conference, Whitbread's Brewery, London.

The Princess Royal attended a Reception for Royal Ulster Constabulary Widows and Mothers at the Barber-Surgeons' Livery Hall, Monkwell Square, London EC2.

This evening Her Royal Highness, Patron, The Home Farm Trust, attended a Gala Performance of "ROPE" at the Bridge Lane Theatre, Battersea Park Road.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 17: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the restored Magdalen Green Bandstand and subsequently Lord Roberts Workshops in Dundee.

Miss Jane Walker-Okeover was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 17: The Princess of Wales this morning opened Earls Court 2 at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre, SW5.

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 17: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt at the conclusion of His Royal Highness's visit to Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign, this morning visited the 1991 Asthma Gift Fair at the Hurlingham Club, London SW6.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness, Patron, St John's School, Leatherhead, opened the school's new sports hall, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 17: Princess Alexandra, Patron and Air Chief Commandant of Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, this afternoon received Group Captain E.A.I. Sandison upon retiring as Matron-in-Chief and Group Captain E. M. Hancock on assuming this appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Vice-Patron, later received Mr Robert Newell upon assuming the appointment of Director-General of the Royal Over-Seas League.

Subsequently Princess Alexandra, President of Sight Savers (Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind), received Sir Frank Mills upon retiring as Chairman and Mr David Thompson on assuming this appointment.

This evening Her Royal Highness, President, and Sir Angus Ogilvy attended a Reception held by the British School at Rome in St James's Palace, London SW1.

The Lady Mary Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Timothy Bell, advertising executive, 50; Sir William Clark, MP, 74; Professor H.C.A. Hankins, principal, UMIST, 61; Lord Kimball, 63; Miss Melina Mercouri, actress and politician, 66; Miss Martina Navratilova, tennis player, 35; Sir Joseph Pope, former vice-chancellor, Aston University, 77; Dr Kate Pretty, principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 46; Lady Saltoun, 61; Mrs Mary Symes, first woman coroner, 79; the Earl of Tankerville, 35; Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, 65; M Pierre Trudeau, CH, former Prime Minister of Canada, 72; Dame Janet Vaughan, former principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 92; Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis, 68.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Bute House, Edinburgh, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

Carpenters' Company
Mr Hugh Barnes-Yallowley, Master of the Carpenters' Company, presented the Carpenters' Award 1991 to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Martin-in-the-Fields, for the new organ case designed by Mr David Graebe, at a reception held last night at Carpenters' Hall.

British Safety Council
The Rev Martin Smythe, MP, was host yesterday at a reception held at the House of Commons for the British Safety Council's presentation of International Diplomas in Safety Management.

The Institute of Mathematics and its Applications

The Privy Council has agreed to grant to honorary fellows and fellows of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications the right to designate themselves Chartered Mathematicians and to use the designatory letters C.Math. There are nine honorary fellows and 1,320 fellows of the institute.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Lord Justice Scott to be a member of the Privy Council on his appointment as a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Sir Donald Wilson, Chairman of the Mersey Regional Health Authority, to be a member of the School Teachers' Review Body. **Mr Ray Carter** to be Deputy Chairman to Sir Graham Day.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop at 49 Middlegate, Penrith, at 9.10; the shop in Castle Street, Kendal, at 10.15; and the shop at 37 Crescent Road, Windermere, at 11.10. As President of the Royal Yachting Association, she will visit the Windermere Powerboat Records Week, Lowood Hotel, Windermere, at 11.50; as Patron of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, she will open the new premises at the Town Hall, Ulverston, at 2.25; and visit the bureau at 52 Paradise Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, at 3.20.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of Youth Clubs Scotland, will present the "BP Grizzly Challenge" prize at BP Exploration, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, at 2.30; and, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Highland Fusiliers, will attend the regimental dinner at the Western Club, Glasgow, at 7.45.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Kent Association for the Blind's Ogden Home, Merrell Hotel and Rehabilitation Centre at 32 St Mildred's Road, Ramsgate, at 10.45; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Pearce Signs, Broadstairs, at noon; Wallace and Tiernan, Tonbridge, at 2.05; and First Cover, Paddock Wood, at 3.05.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, will open the new academic-diagnostic wing of the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Headington, Oxford, at 2.30.

Church news

The Rev Andrew Stewart Todd, Minister of the Cathedral Church of St Machar, Old Aberdeen, and the Rev Charles Robertson, Minister of the Canongate Kirk (the Kirk of Holyroodhouse), Edinburgh, have been appointed Chaplains to the Queen in Scotland. They succeed the Rev Kenneth MacVicar and the Very Rev William Bryce Johnston, who become Extra Chaplains to the Queen in Scotland.

The Rev Roy Sidney White, Director of Christian Stewardship, diocese of Southwark, and an Honorary Canon of Southwark Cathedral, to be appointed to the Residentiary Canonry at Southwark Cathedral, in succession to Canon Peter Penwarden.

Other appointments

The Rev Robin E Morris, Rector, St Peter, Heswall; to be also an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral (Chester).

The Rev Derek Mottershead, Vicar, St Andrew, Leytonstone (Chelmsford); to be Vicar, St Saviour and St Peter, Eastbourne (Chichester).

The Rev Clive Murrie, Rector, St Cuthbert, Stella (Durham); to be Vicar, St Saviour, Coalpit Heath (Bristol).

The Rev Canon Keith Newton, formerly Dean of Blantyre, Southern Malawi; to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Nativity, Knowle (Bristol).

The Rev Alastair Ross, Vicar, St Oswald, Netherton; to be also an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral (Liverpool).

Dinners

Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor
Sir Colin Cole, Knight Principal of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor, presided at the 80th anniversary dinner held last night at Claridge's hotel. Sir David Napley, chairman of council, and Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the BBC, also spoke. Among others present were:

Lady Cole, Lady Napley, Sir Kenneth Newman (registrar) and Lady Newman, Sir Alexander and Lady Durie, Sir Amar Maini, Sir Rex Niven, Sir Brian and Lady Rix, Sir Clifford and Lady Chetwood, Sir Maxwell and Lady Harper Gow and Mr Robert Eaden (clerk to the council) and Mrs Eaden.

Royal College of Physicians
Sir Raymond Hoffenberg delivered the Harveian Oration to the Royal College of Physicians of London at the college yesterday. Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, president, Mr Richard Turner-Warwick and the fellows entertained their guests at dinner at the college afterwards.

RN, RM, WRNS Washington
Rear-Admiral A.P. Hoddinott, British Naval Attaché, Washington, presided at a Trafalgar Night dinner held last night in Washington DC by officers of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Women's Royal Naval Service in Washington. Admiral D.E. Jeremiah, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, proposed the toast to the "Immortal Memory".

Celer et Audax Club
Field Marshal Lord Bramall presided at the annual dinner of the Celer et Audax Club (The King's Royal Rifle Corps) held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL TED FIRTH

Major-General Charles Edward Anson Firth, CB, CBE, DSO, Director of Personal Services in the War Office from 1952 to 1956, died on October 13 aged 89. He was born in Madras on October 9, 1902.

TED Firth was a soldier in the great fighting tradition of the Gloucesters, who wear their regimental badge at the back as well as on the front of their caps, commemorating the Battle of Alexandria in 1802 when they fought back to back; and more recently won fame on the "Gloucester" Hill in Korea. He saw constant action throughout the second world war, commanding no less than four different brigades, and was the commander of the Berlin Brigade during the 1948 Soviet blockade of the city.

He was a powerfully-built man with matching personality and ability, and yet, paradoxically, one of the most caring. Conscientious to a fault and always punctilious in his approach, he was a great gentleman as well as being a trusted operational commander and staff officer. In his younger days he was an outstanding athlete, rugby player, boxer and shot.

Son of Major E. W. A. Firth of the 69th Punjab Regiment, who died when he was only four, he was educated at Wellington and Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Gloucesters in 1923. He served with the 2nd Bn in India and Shanghai until 1928; and with the 1st Bn in Cairo and Singapore as their adjutant until 1932 when he assumed adjutancy of the 5th Bn at home after almost ten years abroad.

While he was delighted to win a place at the staff college in 1936-37, it led to his being on the staff during the run-up to the second world war and for its first two years. He was initially appointed to the War Office mobilisation staff, which was grappling with crash programmes to create the BEF in 1939, and then in rebuilding the army after Dunkirk. Promoted lieutenant-colonel in November 1940, he became the principal administrative staff officer (AA & QMG) of the 50th (Northumbrian) Division, responsible for its mobilisation and arrangements for its passage round the Cape to the Middle East. The convoy was, indeed, the target of the *Bismarck* before she was sunk. The 50th Division was first deployed to Cyprus and then Syria before reaching the Western Desert to take over a sector of the Gazala Line, covering Tobruk. There he was given command of the 1st Royal Sussex in the 7th Indian Brigade of the 4th Indian Division, with whom he fought throughout the withdrawal to El Alamein, and at the battles of El Alamein, the Mareth Line, the Tebaga Gap and Wadi Akarit, earning a well-deserved DSO and promotion to the temporary command of 7th Indian Brigade, whose commander had been wounded.

In the final battles for Tunis, Firth's brigade led General Horrocks's break-in by the 4th Indian and 4th British divisions attacking side-by-side astride the main Tunis road. In the finale his troops surrounded and captured the German C-in-C's headquarters.

With the return of 7th Indian Brigade's commander, Firth was given the 167th Brigade in 56th division, which took part in the Italian campaign. He led it with great distinction during the fraught Salerno landings; in the crossings of the Volturno; in hard fighting for Monte Comino; and in the crossing of the Garigliano. As his brigade was being relieved in the bridgehead, a shell landed by his jeep, killing his driver and wounding him, his batman and his orderly.

General Gerald Templer, his divisional commander, decided that he should be rested and sent him back to Tunisia to convert 25th Tank Brigade into an infantry brigade. Churchill, however, intervened when he heard that it was equipped with Churchill tanks and so the conversion was stopped; and Firth found himself commanding the 2nd Infantry Brigade of 1st Division in the Anzio beachhead. He commanded it in the breakout to Rome; in the capture of Florence; in the breaching of the Gothic Line; and in the subsequent winter stalemate in the mud and snow of the northern Apennines.

Just before Christmas 1944 he was appointed commander of the British Military Mission to Greece during the communists' attempt to seize power in Athens. Many of the Greek National Guard units had defected and Firth set about re-raising some 30 new battalions, which helped to tip the balance against the communists. He was appointed Grand Commander of the Order of the Phoenix by the Greek government.

After the war he returned to the War Office in 1946 as Deputy Director of Personal Services. Two years later he was commanding his fifth brigade as Commander British Troops, Berlin. Promoted major-general in 1950, he was commanding Anglian district at Colchester whence the Gloucesters set off for Korea, and he was commanding Salisbury Plain district when they returned.

His last appointment in the army was back in the War Office as Director of Personal Services. He was Colonel of the Gloucesters, 1954-64; and the first Colonel Commandant of the Military Provost Staff Corps, 1956-61.

After his retirement in 1956 he took up farming and gave his services to the local community in Wiltshire and to regimental associations. He was an active governor of Dauntsey's School for 16 years.

He married Mary Kathleen Fraser, daughter of Commander W. St J. Fraser, RN, in 1933. It was a very happy partnership until her death in 1977. They had two sons, one of whom is a serving brigadier in the army.

RICHARD CONDON

Richard Condon, former general manager of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, died at his home in County Mayo on October 14 aged 54. He was born in Belfast in July 1937.

FOR almost 20 years Dick Condon proved that a provincial theatre could be run at a profit, given sufficient energy, enthusiasm and a strong dose of Irish charm. He came to the Theatre Royal, Norwich, in 1972, when it had fallen on bad days and was accumulating debts. Condon changed all that. With his warm and outgoing personality, allied to an eye for the type of show his public would want to see, he soon made Norwich a regular stopping place for major companies on tour.

He was the eldest son of a Belfast architect, but the stage exerted a stronger pull than the professions. He was on his way to study medicine at Galway University in October 1956, when, on impulse, he got off the bus and joined Costello's Bohemian Players, who were camped in a field at the side of the road near Headford.

The company toured small towns, doing 12 plays a fortnight. He had a lowly job paying £7 a week, but it bred a love of popular theatre he never lost. Eventually he became manager of Dublin's 1,300-seat Olympia, the largest variety theatre in Ireland, and joint administrator of the Dublin Theatre Festival. When the Olympia closed temporarily in 1964 Condon bought with the help of friends the entire contents, persuaded others to buy the fabric and it re-opened a few months later. During the first year it made profits of £17,000.

The experience helped him in Norwich. Before his job interview there he went over to the cold, empty Theatre Royal, examined the place and reckoned that he could make it work. Which he did. In 1972 it was losing £72,000 a year. By 1974 this was turned into a profit of £35,000. That became £161,000 in 1979.

Condon's first task was to break down the traditional Norfolk reserve. He did this by being a very visible manager, pink-cheeked and silver-haired, available from early morning to last thing at night. Patrons were encouraged in good Irish style to linger after the performance, have a drink and perhaps meet the cast. The piano would play. Gradually the Theatre Royal became a meeting place with a warm social atmosphere adding to the evening's performance. Condon's reputation spread and he became adviser to eight provincial theatres.

He was a strong believer in pleasing the public and in the lasting values of old fashioned entertainment. His detractors called him an "end of the pier man" and he did indeed put on summer seasons in Cromer. But he also helped revive the D'Oyly Carte company in 1987-88 before returning to Norwich in 1989.

Dick Condon believed that money came from self-help not subsidy. He did, though, quarrel with his board over refurbishment plans for the Theatre Royal. Some of the theatre's trustees were keen to exert their authority and the building's future seemed to become ensnared in local politics. Hurt, upset and already ill, Condon resigned last year in protest at the handling of the renovation appeal. His friends believe that the stress accelerated the debilitating illness which led to his death.

Condon's last show was the summer production at the Pavilion Theatre, Cromer, a house he had first managed in 1978. He introduced varied acts with family appeal, a type of bill whose day was thought to be long gone. But it pulled in the crowds. In a recession year the theatre played to 88 per cent attendance, a typical Condon achievement.

SIR CLIFFORD CAMPBELL

Sir Clifford (Clarence) Campbell, GCMG, GCVO, a former governor-general of Jamaica, has died aged 99. He was born on June 28, 1892.

CLIFFORD Campbell was a man for his time. He took office in December 1962, four months after his island won independence from Britain, and said simply at his swearing-in ceremony that, for him, Jamaica was home. The thought was a happy one which caught the significance of his appointment and reflected the mood of his people. As the first home-produced black governor-general, he followed a succession of British exports and the choice met with general acclaim.

Despite this, the task ahead of him was a tough one, requiring complete impartiality and statesmanship in the face of some demands for sudden change. A committed Christian, he announced a national day of prayer after he took office and took as his theme: "Turn your eyes once again to the Giver of Peace".

More practically, he was able to lean on his considerable experience as a politician and, during the first half of his life, as a schoolmaster. A civil servant's son, he was born at Petersfield, Westmoreland, in western Jamaica, and educated locally and at Mico training college. By the age of 24 he was a headmaster, at Fullersfield government school, where he stayed for 12 years before taking over Friendship elementary school (1918-28), then as principal of Grange Hill government school (1928-44).

In that year, however, he stood for the House of Representatives in the elections which followed the granting of self-government and was returned as a Jamaica Labour party member for Western Westmoreland. He was almost immediately made chairman of the house committee on education and, 12 months after his re-election in 1949, became the Speaker. In 1962 he was elevated to the upper house (the legislative council) and when this became the senate on independence he was made its president. Shortly afterwards he was appointed governor-general.

By virtue of his own temperament and experience Campbell was a sound choice to guide his country. He was by nature a humble man, unlikely to be dazzled by the trappings of high office. On the other hand, he was conscious of its dignity. On discovering when visiting Britain in 1967 that he had been booked into one of the capital's more discreet hotels, he swiftly cancelled his room and moved into more traditional bed and breakfast lodgings at the Savoy.

His experience as Speaker had also taught him toughness. In 1952 he had expelled one representative for daring to flout his authority in the house and had underlined the need for political maturity in Kingston, with the words: "If the strength of a chain is in its weakest link, our political chain is seriously defective."

Campbell was made a GCMG on becoming governor-general and then GCVO in 1966 during a visit to Jamaica by the Queen. Later that year he also hosted the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Charles and Princess Anne during the Commonwealth Games. He entertained other heads of state, and himself paid a number of visits overseas.

But Campbell remained devoted to Jamaica and its people and fought throughout his political career to protect its industries, like sugar and bananas, and its abundant poor. He retired in 1973, aged 81, after 11 stabilising years as governor-general, and in 1988 was awarded the Order of the Nation, Jamaica's second highest honour. In 1920 he married Alice Jolly, a planter's daughter, who died in 1976. They had two sons and two daughters.

ANN DEARDEN

Ann Dearden, journalist, has died aged 84. She was born on May 8, 1907.

ANN Dearden (always known as Sue) was a writer of considerable talent, staunch in her principles and friendships, a modest, courageous, gregarious, and latterly perhaps a rather lonely person. The war brought her, like so many thousands of others, to the Middle East, and that was to be the area she covered for many years editorially for *The Economist*. From 1943 to 1946 she was diplomatic correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* and continued to act as a special Middle East correspondent for the paper on many occasions, including the first phase of the 1948 fighting after the end of British rule in Palestine. Her writing was always fresh, concise, and well informed.

In some ways the most interesting period in Sue Dearden's journalistic career was in the pre-war days when she worked closely with Lady Rhondda on *Time and Tide*. That now largely forgotten weekly was an example of practical feminism at a time when opportunities for its expression were few and far between. The small staff, almost all women, under its remarkable proprietor, produced a periodical with its own distinctive flavour, and were rewarded by a discriminating readership.

In these pre-war years she met her husband, Seton Dearden, and it was largely due to her encouragement that he started to write, eventually producing a number of books including biographies of George Borrow and Gertrude Bell. She herself wrote a well-researched history of Jordan which, though now out of print, has stood the test of time. Seton Dearden was in the Spears Mission in Beirut during the second world war, and joined the Foreign Service after it, serving in Damascus, Amman, and Tunis.

Sue Dearden had all the accomplishments which are expected of a diplomat's wife, but not always realised – tact, taste, and sympathy, as well as a gentle beauty and a quick humour. She was also a fine pianist, and any who were fortunate to hear her round off a dinner party at their lovely house in Sidi Bou Said with a Beethoven sonata could know the meaning of true entertainment.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.L.H. Ash and Miss S.M. Hanley
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mrs Olive Ash, of Trowbridge and the late Mr Michael Ash, and Sarah, daughter of Sir Michael and the Hon Lady Hanley, of Warminster.

Mr S.S. Bridbury and Miss K.N. Wright
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Dr Anthony Bridbury and the late Mrs Hilary Bridbury, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Wright, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P. Cadney and Miss A. Dawson
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr M. Cadney, of Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire, and Mrs I.D. Cadney, of Whetstone, North London, and Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs E.B. Dawson, of Eckington, Worcestershire.

Mr R. Canham and Miss M. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Canham, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Mary, daughter of Professor and Mrs J.A.D. Anderson, of Putney, London.

Mr M.C. Day and Miss B.M. San Miguel
The engagement is announced between Martin Charles, son of Mr and Mrs C.C. Day, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Beatriz Maria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.E. San Miguel, of Miami, Florida.

Dr A. Johansen and Dr F.M. Rawlinson
The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mr and Mrs Karl Johansen, of Llandaff, Cardiff, and Fiona Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Rawlinson, of Glenburn, Heswall, Wirral.

Mr I.D. McCallum and Miss A.C. Russell
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Duncan McCallum, of Burnham Market, Norfolk, and Amanda, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Russell, of Welders Wood, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.P. McLaughlin and Miss S.A. Landau
The engagement is announced between Sean, son of Mr J. McLaughlin, of London, W2, and Mrs E. McLaughlin, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Sarah, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Landau, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Mrs E. Landau, of Hurstbourne Priors, Hampshire.

Mr C.C.J. Mitchell and the Hon C.M. Lennox-Boyd
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mrs James Mitchell, of Wilsford-cum-Lake, Wiltshire, and the late James Mitchell, and Charlotte, elder daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Boyd of Merton, of Saltash, Cornwall.

Dr N.M. Rose and Froken K. Hanghoj Sorensen
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Martin, younger son of Sir Clive and Lady Rose, of Lavenham, Suffolk, and Karen, daughter of Hr and Fru Jan Hanghoj Sorensen, of Lemvig, Denmark.

Mr T.C. Sopwith and Miss E.L. Newman
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Sopwith, of Wellington College, Berkshire, and Liz, daughter of the late Dr John Newman and of Mrs Carole Newman, of Paulton, Bristol.

Mr A.J. Vivian, FRCS and Dr J.L. Skioldebrand
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs J.C.G. Vivian, of Binham, Norfolk, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Skioldebrand, of Dennington, Suffolk.

Mr B. Zekaria and Miss T.C.R. Bloch
The engagement is announced between Baruch, son of Mr and Mrs David Zekaria, of Tel Aviv, and Toni, daughter of Mrs Lilian Bloch and the late Sidney Bloch, of London.

Marriages

Mr A.C. Gilroy and Mrs M.G. Bredin
The marriage has taken place between Mr Alexander Gilroy and Mrs Gabrielle Bredin.

Mr G.C. Ralph and Miss A.M. Baker
The marriage took place on September 28, 1991, at Windsor and Maidenhead Town Hall, of Mr Graham Christopher Ralph, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.F. Ralph, of Redwings House, Park View Road, Pinner Hill, Middlesex, to Miss Amy Baker, only daughter of Mrs S.K. Toth, of Windsor, Berkshire, and of Mr J. Baker, of Hope Town, Indiana, USA. Mr Douglas James Ralph was best man.

A reception was held at the Castle Hotel in Windsor and the honeymoon will be spent abroad at a later date. Many thanks go out to Jim and Bill who travelled from the USA for the occasion.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Luca Giordano, painter, Naples, 1632; Prince Eugene of Savoy, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1663; Richard (Beau) Nash, master of ceremonies at Bath, Swansea, 1674; Antonio Canaletto, painter, Venice, 1697; Thomas Phillips, portrait painter, Dudley, West Midlands, 1770; Thomas Love Peacock, writer, Weymouth, 1785; Henri Bergson, philosopher, Paris, 1859; Emanuel Shinwell, Baron Shinwell, statesman, London, 1884.

DEATHS: Jacob Jordaens, painter, Antwerp, 1678; Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, prime minister 1855-58, 1859-65, Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire, 1865; Charles Babbage, inventor of the adding machine, London, 1871; Charles François Gounod, composer, Saint-Cloud, France, 1893; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, West Orange, New Jersey, 1931; José Ortega y Gasset, philosopher and statesman, Madrid, 1955; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1978.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen

Lieutenant-Colonel C.P. Cameron, MC, Royal Marines, was appointed Clerk to the Company of Watermen and Lightermen at a Quarterly Court held on October 16, 1991. He succeeds Mr W.A.A. Wells, TD, who, together with Mr P.D.S. Dale, Director of Olympia and York (Canary Wharf) Limited, was admitted to the Freedom of the Company.

Middle Temple

Mr D. Eady, QC, and Mr C. S. C. S. Clarke, QC, have been elected masters of the bench of the Middle Temple. Captain Alastair Aird has been made an honorary master of the bench.

Memorial service

Sir Ashton Roskill, QC
The Lord Chancellor was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, held on Wednesday at the Temple Church. The Master of the Temple officiated and Lord Roskill, brother, read the lesson.

Mr John Roskill, son, read from the *Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy* by Laurence Sterne. Lord Goff of Chieveley gave an address. The Master of the Rolls and the President of the Family Division attended. Among others present were:

Sir John and Lady Hobhouse (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs John Roskill (daughter-in-law), Mr Ashton Roskill, Mr Sebastian Hobhouse and Mrs Charlotte Farquharson (grandchildren), Mr Oliver Roskill (brother), Lady Roskill (sister-in-law), the Hon Julian Roskill, Mr and the Hon Mrs Nicholas Williams, Mr Thomas Roskill, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Roskill, Mr Edward Roskill, Ms Clare Roskill, Mrs Elizabeth Roskill, Miss Harriet Roskill, Mr and Mrs Christopher Gallez, Mrs Michael Tull, Mrs Mary Caroe, Captain C B Fetherston-Dilke, Commander and Mrs T Fetherston-Dilke.

Lady Goff of Chieveley, Lord Ackner, Lord and Lady Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths (reader, Inner Temple), Lady Russell of Killowen, Lord Justice Gibson, Lord Justice Nolan, Lord Justice and Lady Neill, Lord Justice Taylor, Sir John Stephenson, Sir Anthony and Lady Lloyd, Sir Michael Kerr, Sir Ian Percival, QC, Sir Patrick and Lady Browne, Lady Staughton, the Hon Mrs Geddes.

Sir Sydney Lipworth (chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission) with Mr Stephen Burridge (secretary); Mr Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Mr Justice Brooke, Mr Justice Phillips, Mr Justice Sheen, Mr Justice Evans, Mr Justice Gibson, Mr Justice Waterhouse, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, His Honour Sir William Staab, QC, Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC (Reform Club), Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker (D House, Winchester College), Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, Sir Duncan Oppenheim, Sir John Wordie, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, Sir Orby Mootham, Sir Trevor Reeve, Sir Lewis Robertson, Sir Alexander and Lady Johnston, Lady Dean, Mr Petre Crowder, QC (treasurer, Inner Temple) and the Hon Mrs Crowder.

Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC (chairman, Barristers Benevolent Association), Mr Gerald Darling, QC (treasurer, Middle Temple), Captain Patrick Streeman (sub-treasurer, Inner Temple), Sister Appleby (Newbury Down Care), His Honour Peter Faulks, His Honour Edgar Fay, QC, Judge Richard Lowry, QC, and Judge Nina Lowry, Judge Bates, QC, Mr A Stewart-Richardson, Mr Peter Thomas, Miss Joyce Blow, Captain and Mrs Geoffrey Stanning, Mrs Gay Stanning, Miss Joan Hendry, Mr Patrick Shovelton, Miss Rita Stephen, Rear-Admiral T B Norman, Mr Cyril Coffin, Mr Roger Cole, Miss E Norman-Butler, Miss Jean Morris, Mr Eric Phillips, Mr Martin Howe, Mr John Sadler, Mr and Mrs C J Parrin, Mr H W Shillito, Mrs Ifor Lloyd, Master and Mrs Platts-Mills, Master Joseph Yahuda.

Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, and Mrs Wheeler, Mr John Mills, QC, Mr J F Wilmer, QC, Mr Allan Heyman, QC, Mr Stephen Tomlinson, QC, Mr Jeremy Lever, QC, Mr P W E Taylor, QC, Mr Edward Nugee, QC, and Mrs Nugee, Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC, Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, Mr Anthony Hallgarten, QC, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, Mr Andrew Longmore, QC, Mr Robert Harman, QC, Mr John Crowley, QC, Mr Nigel Inglis-Jones, QC, Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC and Miss Mary Arden, QC.

Gray's Inn

Professor John A. Andrews, head of the department of law, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Professor Basil S. Markesinis, Denning professor of comparative law, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, have been elected masters of the bench of Gray's Inn.

College of Anaesthetists

Sir Terence English, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, has been awarded an honorary fellowship of the College of Anaesthetists.

N.L. Rowe

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr N.L. Rowe, CBE, FRCS, FDSRCS, Emeritus Consultant in Maxillofacial Surgery to Westminster Hospital and Queen Mary's University Hospital, Rochampton, will be held on Friday, November 29, 1991, at 2.00 pm, at St Clement Danes Church, The Strand, London.

Dyers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Dyers' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr Michael William Musgrave; Renter Warden, Mr Michael Horton Ledger.

Brace the arms that are limp, steady the knees that give way; say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not!'
Isaiah 35 : 3,4

BIRTHS

BARAKAT - On October 11th, at the Humana Wellington Hospital, to Myrna and Farid, a son, William.

CLAYTON-HATFIELD - See Hatfield.

CROSTHWAITE - On October 15th, to Nicola and Richard, a son.

CURRAN - On October 13th, to Anne and Patrick, a daughter, Kate Isabel. Deo Gratias.

DENHAM - On October 15th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Wendy (née Johnson) and Iain, a son, Jonathan Maxwell, a brother for Jessica.

DOWSON - On October 11th, to Kerry and Charles, a daughter, Celia Suzannah Albinia.

EATON - On October 9th 1991, to Catherine (née Hunt) and Geoffrey, a son, Patrick Hamilton.

GRAHAM-WATSON - On October 13th 1991, in London, to Brigitte (née Jeanson) and Andrew, a daughter, Marie-Emily Rose Mackenzie, a sister for Marius, Florian and Alexander.

HARDMAN - On October 17th 1991, to Alison and David, a son, Benjamin Arthur Thomas.

HATFIELD - On October 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Deborah (née Clayton-Payne) and Paul, a daughter, Polly Clementine Clayton.

HUGHES - On October 15th, to Sophie (née Mair) and Joe, a son, Joseph Kenmore Morgan, a brother for Susanna and Miranda.

MACFARLANE - On October 11th at Inverness, to Lissie (née Crane) and Nicholas, a daughter, Flora Emily Octavia, a sister for Jamie.

MAYNARD - On October 3rd 1991, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Jane (née Newbold) and Nicholas, a daughter, Claire Alice, a sister for Matthew and Olivia.

MITCHELL - On October 12th, to Prue (née Spencer) and Nigel, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Lucy.

MOORE - On October 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Susan and Jonathan, a son, Nicholas, a brother for Edward.

OTTER - On October 4th at Bad Sassendorf, Germany, to Antoinette (née Vollmer) and Robert, a son, Rory, a brother for Josephine.

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RUSSELL - On October 14th, to Sara (née Young) and Paul, a daughter, Rosie Laura.

SCOTT - On October 12th, to Marguerite (née MacGregor) and Peter, a son, Leopold Alexander.

UTTLEY - On October 8th, to Margaret (née Rogers) and John, a daughter, Elizabeth Frances.

WATES - On October 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Veronica and William, a daughter, Clare Veronica Mary, a sister for Neil and Lucy.

WYKE - On September 30th, to Sarah (née Underhill) and John, a daughter, Emily and a son, Thomas, a sister and a brother for Katie and Nicholas.

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TIBBLE:HOULFORD - On October 18th 1941, Bernard to Pearl. Now living in Gillingham, Dorset.

DEATHS

ADCOCK - On October 14th, suddenly at home, Brian, beloved husband of Margaret and father of Charlotte, Miranda and Annabel. Service at Friends Meeting House, Upper Lattimore Road, St Albans, on October 21st at 3 pm. All welcome. No flowers please, donations to Asthma Research Council, 300 Upper Street, London N1 2XX saying 'In memory of Brian Adcock'.

ASHTON - On October 16th 1991, Dot Ashton, aged 90, widow of Harold and mother of Adrian. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Wokingham, Berks., on Thursday October 24th at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Save the Children c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 36 Eldon Road, Reading.

BOTTARD - On October 15th 1991 at St Richards Hospital, Chichester, Joan, a much loved grandmother of Guy, Nicole and Claire, great-grandmother of Sebastian, Arian and Alice, and dearly loved by Jane. Funeral 1.30 pm Thursday October 24th, at South Bersted Parish Church, Bognor Regis. No flowers please, but donations for South Bersted Parish Church may be sent to Reynolds & Co of 27-31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex PO21 1RR.

CARR - On Tuesday October 15th 1991, Rosamond, aged 90 years, formerly of Newnham, Cambridge, peacefully at The White House Nursing Home, Steeple Morden. Dear mother of Francis and grandmother of Oliver, Beatrice and Christopher. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday October 29th at 2.30pm.

CAVE-BROWNE-CAVE - On October 17th 1991, Elsie May, beloved wife of the late Thomas Reginald Cave-Browne-Cave.

EVAN-COOK - On October 16th 1991, suddenly at his home, John Edward (Jack), aged 88, of Cuckfield, Sussex. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Sussex, on Wednesday October 23rd at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for the British Heart Foundation, may be sent to Masters & Son, 20 High Street, Lindfield, Sussex RH16 2HH. Details of the Memorial Service to be held in the City, will be announced at a later date.

FORWARD - On October 15th 1991, suddenly at home, Alan, Lt. Col. M.C., aged 77 years of Halstock, Yeovil. Loved and loving husband for 50 years of Mona. No flowers by request, donations to Guide Dogs for the Blind c/o J.H. Gillard Funeral Directors, Newton Road, Stoford, Yeovil. tel: (0935) 75094.

FOSTER - On October 14th, tragically in a car accident, Joan Constance, aged 79. Dearly loved wife of Norman and mother of Andrew and Christopher. Wonderful Grannie to Nicholas and Piers. Private funeral. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Laurence Church, Seale, Farnham, on November 12th at 2.15 pm. No flowers by request.

DEATHS

JAMES - On October 17th, at Malvern, Maurice, aged 81, Canon of Lesotho Diocese. Requiem St Leonard's Church, Newland, 12 noon October 24th. Burial following requiem St Peter's Church, Leckhampton, family only. No flowers. Donations, if wished, to Diocese of Lesotho in thanksgiving to Mrs M James, Beauchamp Community, Newland, Malvern.

MACDONALD - On October 17th 1991, Mary (Molly) J. (née McRorie), peacefully at Auchterarder, widow of Kenneth S. Macdonald, of Mauritius and Crieff, Perthshire.

MAHRENHOLZ - On October 9th 1991, Rolf (3.8.1908 - 9.10.1991), Husband of Pamina (née Liebert).

MANNER - On October 12th, Dorothy (Rogers), peacefully at home, aged 86. Dear wife to Freddie, artist and good friend to young and old. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium on October 25th at 4 pm. No flowers please, but donations may be made to RSPCA.

MORGAN - On October 13th, suddenly at home, Rev. Christopher Basil, M.A., of Potter Heigham, late of Hevingham. Loving father of John, Tim, Valerie and Ann and a loving husband of Kate. Funeral Service St Mary the Virgin and St Botolph Church, Hevingham, Tuesday October 22nd at 11am. No flowers but donations, if desired, for Norfolk Church Trust, c/o Duckers, Aylsham, Norfolk, please.

PRENTICE - On October 15th 1991, suddenly in East Grinstead, Constance Augusta (née Hone), aged 78, beloved wife of Henry, mother of Edward, and grandmother of Georgina and Charlotte. Cremation Service at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, West Sussex, on Tuesday October 22nd at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex.

PRESTON - On October 17th 1991 at Ilsom House Nursing Home, Jean Brownlie (née Reid), widow of Bryan Wentworth Preston M.B.E., and mother of Nicholas and Kevin. Private cremation for immediate family only. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Long Newnton Church, near Tetbury, on Saturday October 26th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations may be sent to The Gloucestershire Macmillan Cancer Service, 'Wheatstone' North Upton Lane, Gloucester, GL3 3AA.

ROWAT - On October 16th 1991, peacefully at Winterbourne Hospital, Dorchester, after a long illness bravely borne, Lt. Col. David Peter Rowat O.B.E., late 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, aged 62 years, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dorchester. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Sarah and Peter. Funeral Service at Sydling St Nicholas Church on Saturday October 19th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations in lieu may be sent for Cancer Research c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset. tel: (0305) 262338.

SCOTT - On October 14th 1991, Kay, wife of the late Bill Scott, of Edgbaston, Birmingham and mother of Bill, John and Kate.

TINNE - On October 7th 1991, at home in Ireland, Patrick Alexander, aged 81 years. Dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Michael, Diana and Mark. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Clifden, Co. Galway took place on Friday October 11th.

DEATHS

WITHERALL - On October 14th, George Charles, aged 75 years, beloved husband of Mary. Cremation at Eastbourne on Thursday October 24th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o Mummery F/D, 31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill-on-Sea.

WOODBRIDGE - On October 15th, peacefully at Wexham Park Hospital, John Nicholas dearly loved husband of Patricia Madeleine and beloved father of Tony and Nicholas and beloved grandfather of Stefan, Lisa and Christian. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Oval Way, Chalfont St Peter, at 11.30 am on Thursday October 24th. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AR. All enquiries to H.C. Grimstead Ltd., tel: (0753) 882644.

WOOLLINGS - On October 16th, suddenly, James Boyer (Jimmy), deeply loved husband of Cynthia and father of Malcolm and Janette. Funeral Service at Boxgrove Priory Church, near Chichester, on October 22nd at 11.45 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to The Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, c/o Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester (0243) 782136.

WYLIE-MOORE - On October 15th 1991, Norman, beloved husband of the late Mona (née Tennant). Funeral at All Saints Church, Waldron, on Thursday October 24th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to All Saints Church, Waldron c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex. tel: 0435-882219.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HOLT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Richard Holt, Member of Parliament for Langbaurgh, is to be held on Friday October 25th at 2.30 pm at St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Car parking at Coulby school. For further details please contact David Spragg on (0642) 701078.

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SOUTH COAST POWER LIMITED hereby give notice that in accordance with the requirements of the regulations, an application for a consent to construct and operate a 450 MW CCGT power station has been made to the Secretary of State for Energy under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989.

The proposed generating station is to be constructed on part of the site previously occupied by the Brighton B Power Station and will be owned and operated by South Coast Power Ltd.

An Environmental Statement has been prepared to support the application and copies are available for public scrutiny during normal business hours at the following locations:-

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Objections to this proposal stating the grounds of the objection and bearing the reference 5042/120/86H/RMB should be made in writing to:- The Secretary of State for Energy, 1 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5HE, to arrive no later than 30 November 1991.

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R. M. Brown
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Notice is hereby given that Nuclear Electric plc ("the Company") has applied under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the Act") for the consent of the Secretary of State for Energy to extend Oldbury-on-Severn Power Station by constructing a silt lagoon and for a direction under section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission for the development be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, with a plan showing the land to which it relates, together with a copy of the Environmental Statement discussing the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses: Planning Department, Avon County Council, P O Box 46., Middlegate, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, Avon BS99 7EU. Planning Department, Northavon District Council, The Council Offices, Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol, Avon BS12 1HF.

In addition, copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained free from Property Services, Nuclear Electric plc, Barnett Way, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 7RS.

Any objections should be made in writing to the Secretary of State for Energy, Electricity Division, Room 3.3.6, 1 Palace Street, Victoria, London, SW1E 5HE, stating the name of the station and the grounds of objection, not later than 25 November 1991.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Would any person or persons related to or knowing any relatives of Allan Keith Dickinson contact the Public Trust Office, 30 Campbell Street, Blacktown, 2148, Australia quoting reference T.C.3.

LEGAL NOTICES

HORSESHOE COACHES LIMITED

Registered number: 383460. Nature of business: Coach Proprietors. Trade classification: (32) Other Transport. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers, 10 October 1991. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: R M Addy and C J Hughes (Office holder nos 1031 and 2041) of Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY WINDOWS (DORCHESTER) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Hotel Prince Regent, 139 The Esplanade, Weymouth, Dorset, on Friday 25th October 1991 at 11.00 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, i.e.:-

1. To consider the Directors Statement of Affairs.
2. To appoint a Liquidator.
3. To appoint a Liquidation Committee.

No creditor may vote who has not lodged a Proof of Debt at 10 Frederick Place, Weymouth, Dorset, together with a Proxy, if required, not later than 3 00 p.m. on Thursday 24th October 1991.

A secured creditor may only vote in respect of the balance (if any) of his debt after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him.

The following Insolvency Practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the Company's affairs:- Ian William Walton Coyne, Butterworth & Chalmers Chartered Accountants 10 Frederick Place Weymouth, Dorset (Tel. 0305 772458)

DATED THIS 2ND DAY OF OCTOBER 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R D. BEER - DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE OLD RECTORY AND COACH HOUSE LTD COMPANY NO: 2307600

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 10.30 am on 28th October 1991 at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA. Forms of proxy, if to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the company's registered office at 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA not later than 12 noon on Thursday 24 October 1991, together with details of the creditors claim.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Creditors whose claims are partially secured should deduct the value of their security from the total claim and they will only be allowed to vote on the unsecured portion of their claim. Creditors should note that the Joint Administrative Receivers can call for any document or other evidence to be produced to substantiate their claim.

Dated this 9th day of October 1991.
E D S Kirker
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF FURNITURE SOFTWARE LIMITED (In Liquidation) AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Alan Rolph of St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 13th August 1991.

Creditors are required on or before 29th November 1991 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidator, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator, are to come in and prove their debts or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this Fifteenth Day of October 1991.
DAVID A. ROLPH
Liquidator

JOHN WOOLF & SON (BABY WEAR) LTD T/A TAURUS TOYS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Gable House, 239 Regents Park Road, London N3 3LF on Tuesday the 22nd day of October 1991 at 3 pm o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Company's affairs may be obtained from B.A. Hornick of Gable House, 239 Regents Park Road, London N3 3LF being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner.

DATED THIS Monday 14th Day of October 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J. Woolf, Director

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Creditors)

Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2346036.
Name of company: Webber Motor Co (London) Limited. Nature of business: Motor Repairers. Address of Registered office Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Type of Liquidation, Creditors. Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office holder no: 002685 Date of appointment: 4 October 1991. By whom appointed: The Members and Creditors. Date: 8 October 1991. R.A Segal, Liquidator

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS UNDER SECTION 48(2) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 FORMULA TYRES AND PETROL SERVICES LTD (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Arthur Andersen & Co, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT on Thursday, 31 October 1991 at 11 00 a.m. for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12 00 noon on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

A copy of the Report to Creditors is available from the above address on written request

DATED this 10th day of October 1991
M FISHMAN
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Creditors)

Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number 1829680
Name of company Tawnysystem Limited Nature of business Computer Software Supplier Address of Registered office Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Type of Liquidation Creditors Liquidator: Richard Andrew Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office holder no. 002685 Date of appointment 3 October 1991. By whom appointed The Members and Creditors Date. 7 October 1991 R.A Segal, Liquidator

RENSLADE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
RENSLADE INVESTMENTS (LONDON) LIMITED
RENSLADE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
RENSLADE MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIMITED
RENSLADE SECURITIES LIMITED
BLUE SPUR INVESTMENTS LIMITED
SHOP AND OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that Meetings of the creditors of the above-named Companies will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Wednesday, the 30th day of October 1991, at 11 32 am, 11.37 am, and 11.42 am, 11.47 am, 11.52 am, 11.57 am, and 12.02 pm, respectively, for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Companies' Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meetings of Creditors.

Dated the 14th day of October 1991
G.M. RIVKIN, Director.

RE: The Drinking Water Company Limited and The Insolvency Act 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ on Wednesday the 23rd October 1991, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Segal Davis Rose, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ between 10 00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Monday 21st October 1991.

Dated this 7 day of October 1991
P J SCHWABACK
Director

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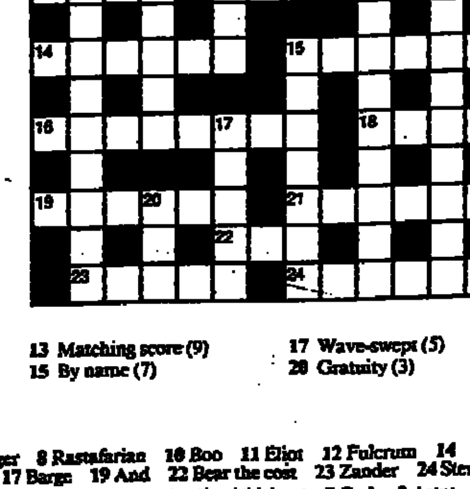

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OCTOBER 18 ON THIS DAY 1881

Sir John Franklin (1786-1847) was the first explorer to discover the North-west passage. Skeletons were found on King William Island in 1859 and with them records which showed that he had died on June 11, 1847 after 19 months on the ice.

ARCTIC EXPLORATION

Captain Adams, of the Dundee whaler Arctic, who has just returned from the Davis Straits fishing, furnishes some interesting information in regard to his voyage in the Polar seas.

He states that in the course of his search for whales he went up Wellington Channel as far as the water has ever been penetrated by any expedition, and his further progress was only checked by encountering the heavy ice of the Polar barrier. This occurred in August last. No whales were seen in that quarter, and the Arctic steamed up Barrow Straits till the Polar barrier was encountered a second time.

A course was then taken down Peel Sound to within a few miles of where the Erebus and Terror were lost. Beachy Island was visited, and there Captain Adams saw the monument erected to Sir John Franklin and five of his crew. He found the house erected in the vicinity in a wretched condition, and the provisions left by former explorers not at all serviceable. Accompanied by a few of his men he made some search in the locality, and just as the party were coming away they were confronted by a Polar bear, which Captain Adams shot within a few yards of the graves. The skin of the bear he intends to present to some of the relatives of Sir John Franklin.

No whales were seen in this direction and accordingly the Arctic proceeded up towards the Gulf of Boothia. An attempt was made to reach this sea earlier in the year, but no advance was possible owing to the heavy ice. About the end of August, however, the ice was in a totally different condition, and the Arctic got up as far as Cape Nordenskjold, on the west side of Boothia. Here several whales were got. Before coming away the captain tried to get to the other side. A heavy fog was experienced, and when it cleared away the ship was found within 15 miles of Fury and Hecla Straits, and in very shallow water.

In this district the captain got on board a very intelligent Esquimaux, from whom he obtained a good deal of interesting and valuable information. The native stated that when he was a young man in his father's hut three men came over the land towards Repulse Bay, and that one of them was a great captain when he died. The other two men were in sore distress and cried very much, stating that he was the "aniguk," or great captain. These two lived some little time in his father's hut, and he showed Captain Adams the spot on a chart where they were buried.

The Esquimaux, continuing his narrative, said that 17 persons started from two vessels which had been lost far to the westward, but only three were able to survive the journey to his father's hut. From all the information furnished by the Esquimaux, Captain Adams has no doubt that the vessels referred to were those of the Franklin Expedition, and that the great captain mentioned was Lieutenant Crozier. Assuming that what the Esquimaux stated was correct, it is beyond doubt that the members of the Franklin Expedition were attempting to reach Hudson Bay Territory.

Judging from the present age of the native, Captain Adams is of opinion that his allusion to having seen the men when he was a young man, must refer to a period some 35 years ago. It was Captain Adams's intentions to bring home the native, but circumstances occurred which prevented this resolution being carried out, but he is in a position to furnish information of a very detailed nature and calculated to throw considerable light on the movements and ultimate fate of the members of the Franklin Expedition.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

CHATTAHOOCHEE (15): Gary Oldman in a Florida penal hell-hole. Gloomy drama that suffered post-production cuts. With Dennis Hopper; director, Mick Jackson.
Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683).

CITY SLICKERS (12): Over-stretched sentimental comedy, with Billy Crystal and chums solving mid-life crises during a cattle trek. Starring Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Helen Slater. Director, Ron Underwood.
Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683).

DEKALOG PARTS 5 AND 6 (18): A devastating analysis of a senseless murder, plus a voyeur's sad tale — two of the best from Krzysztof Kieslowski's Ten Commandments cycle.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ DOC HOLLYWOOD (12): L.A. bound doctor (Michael J. Fox) becomes waylaid in the sticks. Silly comedy whose charm quickly fades; a Hollywood debut for British director Michael Caton-Jones.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

EDWARD II (18): Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers; Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

♦ MANNEQUIN ON THE MOVE (PG): Unfunny sequel to a dire 1987 comedy, though William Ragsdale shows his mettle as the hero who falls for a living doll (Kristy Swanson). Stewart Raffill directs.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683).

♦ THE RESCUERS DOWN UNDER (U): The star mice from Disney's 1977 *The Rescuers* return to rescue a kidnapped boy. Unambitious cartoon feature for the easily pleased. Directors, Hendel Butoy, Mike Gabriel.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683).

CURRENT

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWRITER (12): Gauche kid (Keanu Reeves) falls for feisty aunt (Barbara Hershey), while a soap opera writer (Peter Falk) weaves magic spells. Zestful treatment of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel. Director, Jon Amiel.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

♦ CLOSE MY EYES (18): Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0426 914501) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DROP DEAD FRED (12): A child's invisible friend (Rik Mayall) returns in adulthood to help overcome problems. Jerky comedy which fails to capitalise on its engaging premise. With Phoebe Cates. Ates De Jong directs.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

♦ HARLEY DAVIDSON AND THE MARLBORO MAN (15): Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson marooned in a dim-witted tale of drifters bungling a bank robbery. Director, Simon Wincer.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

LET HIM HAVE IT (15): An epileptic youngster's road to the hangman's noose. Sombre, powerful drama about the 1952 Craig/Bentley case. Chris Eccleston, Paul Reynolds, Tom Courtenay; director, Peter Medak.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683).

♦ MEETING VENUS (12): Backstage dramas while staging *Tannhäuser* in Paris; adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glenn Close; directed by István Szabó, produced by David Puttnam.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

POISON (18): Todd Haynes' style-conscious study in social deviance. Inspired by Jean Genet; unpleasant, unedifying.
Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ A RAGE IN HARLEM (18): Buffoonery and violence in a comic-strip Harlem, from Chester Himes's novel: an unpleasant mix. Starring Forest Whitaker, Gregory Hines, Robin Givens. Director: Bill Duke.
Cannons: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

♦ STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Berri.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691).

WHY HAS BODHI DHARMA LEFT FOR THE EAST?: The lives of Zen Buddhist disciples high in the mountains, amidst fire, wind and water. Awesome and cleansing; directed by South Korean maverick Bae Yong-Kyun.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◩ **BECKET:** Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits; flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ **THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN:** Feeble farce failing to find fun in fake funding frolics.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

◩ **KVETCH:** Steven Berkoff's trip into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

◩ **THE PRETENDERS:** Haakon and Skule battle for the Norwegian crown in Ibsen's early days: for Ibsen devotees.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

☐ **A SWELL PARTY:** Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD:** Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art. Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins.

◩ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

◩ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

◩ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 160mins.

◩ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE:** Despite famous epigrams, Wilde's creaking melodrama makes thin entertainment.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 170mins.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

AIDA: Birmingham's new National Indoor Arena houses a stadium-sized production of Verdi's opera, *Aida*, directed by Vittorio Rossi, and presented by the promoter Victor Hochhauser. The production has a cast of 600 (including the distinguished American singer Grace Bumbry); a 240-step staircase as part of the set; more than 300 extras as slaves; and 1,500 costumes made by Italian costumiers. The cost: £2 million.
National Indoor Arena, Birmingham (021-633 3333/200 2222), tonight, 7.45pm.

ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: The Barbican's Mozart 200 series continues with Sir Colin Davis conducting Mozart's Piano Concert No 21, K467 (soloist is Radu Lupu); a performance in German of the one-act opera, *Der Schauspieldirektor*, K486 (with Lillian Watson, Yvonne Kenny, Philip Langridge, Matthew Best); and the Masonic Funeral Music, K477.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Sat, 7.45pm

LLOYD COLE: 1990 marked the beginnings of a solo career for Lloyd Cole following the announced break-up of his partnership with The Commotions. After the recent release of his second solo album, *Don't Get Weird On Me, Babe*, Cole is currently on a short tour (including two dates at Hammersmith Odeon later this month).
Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh (031-557 2692), tonight, 7.30pm. Apollo Theatre, Ardwick Green, Manchester (061 273 3775), tomorrow, 7.30pm. City Hall, Sheffield (0742 735295), Sun, 7.30pm

THE MIKADO: Jonathan Miller's enormously successful staging of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in a glamorous Thirties "grand hotel" returns to the English National Opera repertoire. A strong cast includes an outstanding "song and dance" routine from Bonaventura Bottone as Nanki-Poo, a role he created in the original staging, and mezzo-soprano Anne Collins in the role of Katisha. James Holmes conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

JULIO IGLESIAS: Still ranked among the world's top-earning entertainers, Spanish crooner Julio Iglesias puts in his annual appearance at Wembley.
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), tonight, 7.30pm.

ISRAEL BALLET: Founded in 1967 by Hillel Markman and its current artistic director Berta Yampolsky, the Israeli company makes its British debut performing a mixed programme of Balanchine (*Four Temperaments*) and pieces by Yampolsky. The event begins a month-long season of dance at the West End venue.
Royalty Theatre, Kingsway, London WC2 (071 831 0660), tomorrow, Sun, 8pm.

BOYS FROM SYRACUSE: Dame Judi Dench's rollicking production of the Rodgers and Hart 1938 musical, based on *The Comedy of Errors*, continues its run at Brighton's Theatre Royal. The production was an enormous success during its season at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre in the summer.
Theatre Royal, New Road, Brighton (0273 28488), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm.

OPERA GALA NIGHT: Opera favourites performed by the London Concert Orchestra with Bonaventura Bottone, Cheryl Barker, Anthony Michaels-Moore, the London Chorale, and the fanfare trumpeters from the Band of the Scots Guards.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Sun, 7.30pm.

WYNTON MARSALIS BAND: New Orleans-born trumpeter Wynton Marsalis celebrates his 30th birthday this month with a European tour (a single London appearance tomorrow). The tour also coincides with the release of his latest album, *Tune in Tomorrow*, a pastiche of Bourbon Street jazz, big band swing and blues (and the soundtrack to Jon Amiel's film, *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BURNING FIERY FURNACE: St James's Opera group in a new production of Britten's rarely-performed opera which tells the Old Testament story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednigo who are cast into a furnace for refusing to worship the Babylonian god Merodak. The company stages it in the vast Church of St Mary, Paddington.
Church of St Mary Magdalene, Delamere Terrace, London W2 (071-482 0333), tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

Modern monsters of gore

TRISTRAM KENTON

Love amid the havoc: Joanna Lumley and Griff Rhys Jones in Alan Ayckbourn's *Revengers' Comedies*

THEATRE

The Revengers' Comedies, Part I
Strand

NO JACOBEAN wrote a nemesis-drama that lasted five hours, boasted two equally important avengers, and was intentionally funny throughout; and so Alan Ayckbourn, ever one for an improbable challenge, has boldly volunteered to fill the gap. What we saw on Wednesday night was only the first half of a comedy that demands, and promises to deserve, two evenings of a theatregoer's time. Not until Part II will we find out whether the final body count matches Webster and Kyd for goriness, or learn the fate of his bumbling, middle-aged Hamlet and his slick female version of Tourneur's Vindice, the killing machine set into action by the loss of his beloved.

The two meet at a place far removed from Elsinore or Renaissance Italy: on the looming fretwork of Roger Glossop's superbly evoked Albert Bridge on one of those smoggy London nights when even the pigeons look suicidal. Griff Rhys Jones's Henry Bell, flummoxed victim of an office coup, is about to launch himself into a watery grave when he hears a yell, and discovers Lia Williams's Karen Knightly, who has despaired of regaining her married lover, caught on a girder beneath. Before long they have renounced self-destruction for reciprocal revenges. If Ayckbourn's title updates *The Revenger's Tragedy*, the play makes wry references to Hitchcock's *Strangers on a Train*, Du Maurier's *Rebecca*, and much else besides.

From here on the production, by Ayckbourn himself, cuts from Henry's old workplace, where Karen becomes a temporary secretary, to her country house, where she leaves him posing as her book-keeper. On slides an office that looks like a cross between Heathrow airport's departure lounge and the reception desk of a Holiday Inn. Forward comes a baronial staircase flanked by an enormous stuffed bear and a rather small suit of armour. A pigsty is rapidly replaced by a City winebar. Thanks to Glossop's deft skills, the evening has cinematic fluency.

Meanwhile, the fun gathers and grows, at least in the metropolis. In Part I, the events in and around Karen's Mandalay have clearly not yet come to comic fruition. True, there is a nice moment when Rhys Jones, supposed to be the trendier kind of accountant, shocks the gentry by donning clothes rakish enough to make him look like a greenfinch with purple legs and brown claws. But mostly he spends his time in the shires getting to know, and inadvertently falling in love with, his intended victim, the wife of Karen's lover, Joanna Lumley's glumly embattled Imogen Staxton-Billing. That gives Rhys Jones plenty of opportunity for bashful looks and nervous chuckles and gurgles; but not yet for anything more hilarious.

However, the action back in veneer-and-chrome London more than compensates. From the first, Williams's Karen is a marvellous creation, a demonic little rich girl, a reckless Sloane serious only in her delight in havoc. But now she disguises herself as an office mouse and coyly inveigles herself into the confidence of Henry's enemy, the aptly named Bruce Tick.

As Jeff Shankley plays him, he is another memorable addition to Ayckbourn's bestiary, with his sleazy, saloon-bar accent, his habit of scratching his crotch and bum, and his arrogant platitudes. If you cannot believe people really say things like "will do, will do", "I work hard and play hard" and (to Karen) "You give me 105 per cent and you'll have a ball, baby" — see Shankley and change your mind.

He is the first of Ayckbourn's revenge-victims to hit the dust, devastated by Karen's sly exploitation of his claim that "I may go out in the evening, but I leave my balls with my wife in Sunningdale". A few sexy phone calls to that credulous woman, a frilly nightdress sent to his home from a seaside hotel, a pair of knickers trailing from his jacket — and his marriage is over, closely followed by him.

This monster's exit from the play is a pity because, incongruously, his hounding-to-death has proved that some blood sports can be vastly enjoyable. But with Henry and Karen in combat at the end of Part I, Ayckbourn clearly has plenty left to offer in Part II. Please await my bulletin tomorrow.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Trees of Paradise
Lilian Baylis

A VERY green evening is to be had at the Lilian Baylis and, over the coming weeks, in Oxford, Manchester, Newcastle and other such grey-brown places. Even the programme is "printed on 100 per cent recycled paper" and filled with advertisements for such organisations as the Ecological Trading Company, "a radical alternative to the established tropical timber trade". On stage, there are poles topped by a tarpaulin and what looks like a high straw hedge. With these simple props, Green Light Productions is presenting "a story of rainforest hope", devised and performed by two British actors and two from Papua New Guinea.

The Englishmen, Richard Edmunds and Nigel Hughes, come across as a bit green in another sense. Much of the evening consists of a stilted travelogue, embodying their recollections of a trek into the Melanesian interior. "The women and children wave goodbye to us from beneath the banana trees"; and then they're off, encouraged by their guide "with his wide smile and laughing eyes", to that "silent green cathedral", the forest. There, they see exotic winged creatures, pass by crashing rivers, and breathe "air as sweet as liquid birdsong", but also get bitten by leeches and orange wasps, become stuck in stinking mud, step on nine-inch centipedes, and have to eat "turtles' legs, as tough as old leather".

They do their best; but neither their earnest reminiscence nor the murky slides incomprehensibly projected on to the back wall bring their journey to life. Things look up, though, with the arrival of their New Guinean colleagues, Hendrick Asom and Lucas Kou. Their first task is to play villagers encountered by Hughes ("name belong-me Nigel") and Edmunds in the remote outback, and to act out some of the local rituals, including one that could be of practical use to frustrated wind-instrument teachers at this end of the world. If a pupil cannot get a note out of his pipe, beat him with a tiny tree, and he will soon do a lot better.

But it is when Asom and Kou come to their second task that the evening justifies itself. They are also members of New Guinea's Raun Isi Theatre and have an amusing piece of agitprop to perform, a playlet about an old man bribed with bars of Kit-Kat and cans of Foster's into signing away his land to an Australian logger, but still capable of making a nuisance of himself. After it is over, the two of them come forward and haltingly explain their fears and wishes for the menaced forests from which they originally came. What they say matters, too; but it would count for still more if Green Light had found a more powerfully dramatic way of supporting them.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DANCE

Shobana Jeyasingh
The Place
Rosemary Butcher
Riverside

CONTRASTS are the order of the day in the Dance Umbrella festival: contrasts within as well as between the various offerings. **Shobana Jeyasingh** uses the techniques of Indian dance for works set to western music which develop new structures. *Late*, developed from a short creation with Orlando Gough for BBC2's *The Late Show*, perhaps veers too much towards the look and sound of a tourist documentary, but the dancing in the more substantial *Byzantium* overcomes the kitschiness of Christos Hatzis's score, to present moods inspired by three Byzantine icons.

After the rigours and stimulating ideas of her *Correspondences* last year, the new works seem slight, but the programme gains strength through a guest choreographer from Madras (made possible by a Digital award). Chandralekha's movement for *Speaking of Sakti* uses the methods of minimalism to present a dramatic development, from a feeling of gloomy oppression to a gradually felt assertiveness and strength. The score by V.V. Subrahmanyam uses violins and an Indian muharsankh to provide an effective base for the dances for five women.

Shobana Jeyasingh has developed a strong group of dancers, distinctively individual but working well as a team. **Rosemary Butcher**'s smaller group was depleted at her premiere by an injury to one dancer, so presumably the choreography was not fully as she intended it. Making all allowances, however, her collaboration with a video-maker, Nicola Baldwin, seems unsatisfying.

A row of small screens across the back, four groups of three, present fragmentary disparate images (not a new idea; Merce Cunningham was doing this more successfully 25 years ago). The first half is primarily a solo for Michael Popper accompanied by black and white pictures of himself. Here minimal material is repeated to distraction, like a racer waiting over and over again for the starting pistol.

Such slight reward as *Of Shadows and Walls* offers comes in the second half, where Jim Fulkerson's insistent score combines with more (but not many more) sporting images in the movement. Baldwin's use here of flat colour washes on some of the screens is fine, but when she gets on to pictures of red banners, parades and Russian headlines the dancers duck out of sight to wait their next call to action. For all the earnestness of its intention and the dedicated performances by Lizie Saunderson and Popper, the production is arid.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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WORD-WATCHING

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SARCOCOLLA
(c) A Persian gum from Astralagus or other plants, reputed to heal wounds, from the Greek *sarx* flesh + *kolla* glue, because of its reputed property of agglutinating wounds: "As touching sarcocolla, some be of the opinion that it is the gum issuing from a certain thorny plant or bush."

GRUNION
(b) A small Californian marine fish, *Leuresthes tenuis*, which comes ashore to spawn: "The grunion comes completely out of the water to spawn in moist beach sand."

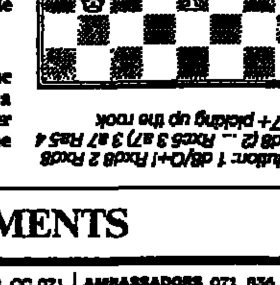
BRICK
(c) British Army slang for a squad of soldiers on patrol: "The biggest benefits are enjoyed by non-commissioned officers, who have considerable responsibility as commanders of bricks."

SCHLÄGER
(c) A German student's duelling sword, from the German *schlägen* to beat: "His cheeks were a network of scars, and he had his father's schläger hanging in the place of honour above the fireplace."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Kr. Georgiev — Lukacs, Stara Zagora 1990. White is the exchange behind, but has two dangerous passed pawns. Can you see how he finished off?



Solution: 1 d8/Q+! Rxd8 2 Rxd8 Kxd8 (2 ... Rxc5 3 a7) 3 a7 Ra5 4 Nb7+ picking up the rook

ENTERTAINMENTS

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THEATRES

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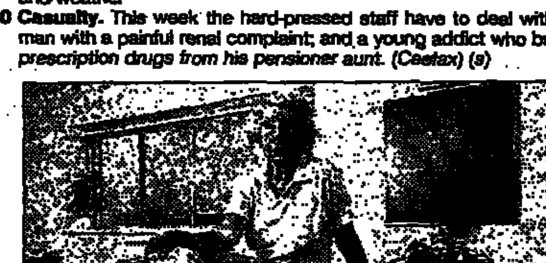
BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on the *menopause. With Germaine Greer and Britt Ekland* **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Gary Rhodes prepares confit of duck
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 The Family Ness.** Cartoon adventures **10.35 Homewise.** The first in a new series of homecare and interior design ideas
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Quiz game show for families **11.30 People Today.** The guests include *The Times* columnist Matthew Parris **12.20 Pebble Mill** *with* Alan Titchmarsh **12.55 Regional news** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s)
1.50 Film: Life With Father (1947).
● CHOICE: The Hungarian-born Michael Curtiz was a director for all genres, turning his hand to musicals, melodramas, westerns and swashbucklers and among a huge and uneven output managing to produce some of the best examples of each. It was Curtiz who made *The Adventures of Robin Hood* and *Yankee Doodle Dandy* and *Casablanca*. With *Life With Father* he essayed yet another form, period comedy. The script, by Donald Ogden Stewart, was based on a *play which ran eight years on Broadway.* William Powell plays the well-heeled head of a New York family at the end of the last century. He is old-fashioned, quick tempered and furnishes the film with one of its main plot lines by refusing to be *baptised. Irene Dunne plays his loyal but put-upon wife and the* 15-year-old Elizabeth Taylor is their son's girlfriend. It is a comfortably upholstered film, even if it lacks some of Curtiz's usual sparkle
3.50 Pingu 3.55 The Little Green Planet Show (s) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant** (s) **4.35 Record Breakers.** Includes conductor Carl Davis in a musical record attempt
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill (r). (Ceefax) (s)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Laurie Mayer. Weather
6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests are singer Mariah Carey, television chef Graham Kerr *and young actor Macauley Culkin (s)*
7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. American comedy series. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportscene
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. A welcome return for Roy Clarke's comic geriatrics, Compo, Clegg and Foggy. Starring Bill Owen, Peter Sallis and Brian Wilde. (Ceefax) (s)
8.30 The Russ Abbot Show. Frantic comedy sketches. (Ceefax) (s)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Casualty. This week the hard-pressed staff have to deal with a man with a painful renal complaint; and a young addict who buys *prescription drugs from his pensioner aunt. (Ceefax) (s)*

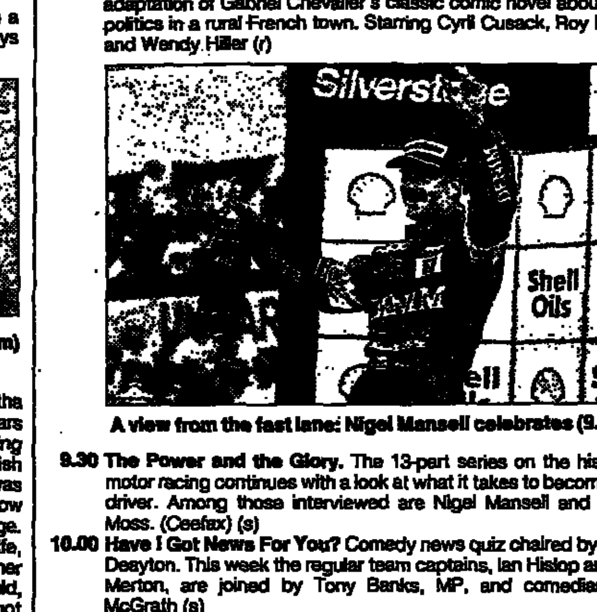


Voice of conscience: Martha Gellhorn's 60-year war (10.20pm)

10.20 Omnibus: Martha Gellhorn.
● CHOICE: "The rebellion of the private conscience," says Martha Gellhorn, "is the last safeguard of civilisation." For 60 years *Gellhorn has lived out her aphorism, reporting a steadily increasing* tide of human evil through the American Depression, the Spanish civil war, Czechoslovakia, Dachau and Vietnam. Last year she was in Panama assessing the cost of the American invasion. She is now 82 but says she is still not ready to settle back and play bridge. This *Omnibus* portrait is a chronology of Gellhorn's working life, told mainly in her own words and giving equal weight to her journalism and her fiction. She is the reporter in the classic mould, tough, resourceful and not afraid of ruffling feathers. She got herself to D-Day by sneaking on to a hospital ship and pretending she was writing a feature about nurses. Until Dachau, she says, *she was an optimist. Since then she has been a pessimist and she* continues to find much to be pessimistic about. Northern Ireland: Johnny Logan and Friends 10.50 Omnibus
11.10 Film: The California Dolls (1981) Louche and quirkydrama starring Peter Falk as the wise-cracking manager of a women's wrestling team who have hit hard times. Their big chance comes when they are lined up to meet the fearsome Toledo Tigers at the Grand hotel in Reno. The last picture made by director Robert Aldrich. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: 11.40-1.15 Film: The Friends of Eddie Coyle **1.00am Weather**

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both houses
9.00 Daytime on 2. French for beginners **9.15** Teaching Today – Zig Zag Technology **9.45** A grandmother reminisces about the Coronation **10.00** Look and Read **10.20** Scottish Highland life 200 years ago **10.40** Into Music **11.00** Otters **11.35** Women's battle to achieve equality **12.00** English – language and power **12.30** Why parties are important social occasions **1.00** Standard Grade Physical Education **1.20** The Brollys **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair **1.40** English Time
2.00 News and weather followed by **Words and Pictures.** Reading for five to seven-year-olds
2.15 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollason. The line-up is Golf: Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the quarter-final action in the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth club, Surrey; and Football: a review of this week's crucial European *championship qualifying* games involving the home countries. With **news** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
5.30 Top Gear. A visit to London's Earls Court to see the latest models in this year's Motorfair '91; a road test of the new Vauxhall Astra; *and a profile of rising Formula 3 racing star David Coulthard (r)*
6.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's cult puppet adventure series. Scott is shot down over the desert by three unidentified aircraft. Fortunately he is rescued by two American archaeologists, but back at base *they are unaware that he is safe and leap into action.* (Ceefax)
6.50 Supersense. The intriguing series which looks at the world from a animal's point of view. This week time-lapse and high-speed photography helps to evaluate what time means to animals (r). (Ceefax)
7.20 Bilko (b/w). Phil Silvers stars as the fly sergeant, frustrated beyond measure by Doberman's refusal to spend any of his newly-acquired fortune (r)
7.45 What the Papers Say. Freelance journalist Russell Davies reviews how the national press has treated the week's news
8.00 Public Eye: The Health Market – Working for Patients? *An investigation into* whether the National Health Service shake-up will provide efficiency and choice for those who need it. Includes an interview with the health minister, Stephen Dorrell.
8.30 *Dream Gardens.* *In this third of six programmes about* inspirational gardens Alex Dingwall Main looks at the different uses of water in garden design, visiting examples in Hampshire, Derbyshire and Gloucestershire
9.00 *Clochemerle.* *Episode three of the Alan Galton and Ray Simpson* adaptation of Gabriel Chevallier's classic comic novel about petty politics in a rural French town. Starring Cyril Cusack, Roy Dotrice and Wendy Hiller (r)



A view from the fast lane: Nigel Mansell celebrates (9.30pm)

9.30 The Power and the Glory. The 13-part series on the history of motor racing continues with a look at what it takes to become a top driver. Among those interviewed are Nigel Mansell and Stirling Moss. (Ceefax) (s)
10.00 Have I Got News For You? Comedy news quiz chaired by Angus Deayton. This week the regular team captains, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, are joined by Tony Banks, MP, and comedian Rory McGrath (s)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron
11.15 Scrutiny. Ian McWhirter with the first in a series in which he follows the business of the select committees
11.45 Mystery Train introduced by Richard O'Brien begins with **The Night Stalker – the Spanish Moss Murders.** Carl Kolchak, the supernatural investigator, comes face to face with the terrifying *monster of the swamps*
12.40am Film: Earth v The Spider (1958, b/w). Z movie horror about a rampaging arachnid that gatecrashes a high school dance. Directed by Bert I. Gordon
1.50 Aeon Flux. A sci-fi thriller about a dangerous woman
2.15 Weather

ITV

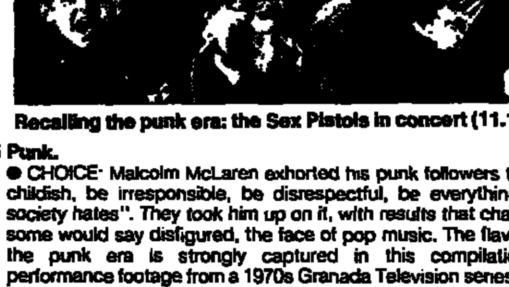
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz game show in which Steve Jones gives the answers and the contestants have to provide the questions **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a debate on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes fashion, hair and make-up advice and a vegetarian recipe. With national *and international news at* **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Rainbow. Educational series for children
12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s)
2.20 A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (r) **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades chaired by Michael Parkinson (s)
3.15 *ITN News* *headlines* 3.20 Thames News *headlines* 3.25 The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital
3.55 Raggy Dolls. Animation **4.05 Victor and Hugo.** Cartoon series about a couple of incompetent French crooks (s)

Adventure time: Clifford Norgate plays the wizard (4.30pm)

4.30 Knightmare. Children's adventure game starring Clifford Norgate as the wizard Hordriss
5.00 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Six O'Clock Live presented by Michael Aspel and Joanna Sheldon. The guests include Paul McCartney and the lady who is Paul Gascoine's new image maker. Live from the HMV store in Oxford Street, Jeni Barnett meets Dame Kiri Te Kanawa. Followed *by LWT* **weather**
7.00 The $64,000 Question. Quiz game show with cash prizes, introduced by Bob Monkhouse (s)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 *You Bet!* *With Matthew Kelly and Ellis Ward.* This week's challenges include an attempt to hit cricket stumps 20 times in two minutes from a distance of 15 metres; to walk 100 metres faster than sprinter John Regis can run twice the distance; and to form a ten-person human pyramid of five tiers in less than three minutes (s)
9.00 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill. Watchable American courtroom drama starring Sharon Gless as a public prosecutor. Here she tries to cut through the red tape that prevents a woman who is mentally incapable of looking after herself from being placed in an institution. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten *with Julia Somerville* and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather
10.40 The London Programme. This 500th edition investigates the effect on Brent council of the alliance of two defecting Labour councillors and the Conservatives
11.10 Rugby World Cup. Frank Bough previews this weekend's quarter-finals in Paris, Edinburgh, Dublin and Lille
12.05am Married...with Children. American domestic comedy series
12.35 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight. Continuing the dramatised account of the life and career of Elvis Presley (s)
1.05 James Whale Radio Show. The controversial chat show host tries to embarrass another collection of telephone callers (s)
2.10 American Gladiators. Trials of strength and ingenuity for both sexes
3.05 CinemAttractions. Charlie Tuna with the latest news from Hollywood
3.35 Raw Power. Rock videos (s)
4.35 Garrison's Gorillas. American drama series from the 1960s following the fortunes of an irregular band of soldiers on active duty in Europe during the second world war
5.30 ITN Morning News with *Phil* Roman. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme *presented by Anne Perkins*, with reports from Nicholas Woolley
12.30 Business Daily. News from the world's money markets
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Art of the Western World. Michael Wood continues his series on the history and development of Western art. Today's programme examines the work of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Michelangelo
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Baring International Darley Stakes (2.35); Rockfel Stakes (3.05); the Three Chimeys Dewhurst Stakes (3.40); and the Tattersalls Sales Stakes (4.15)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving quiz show hosted by William G. Stewart (s)
5.00 The Encircled Sea. The ninth of a ten-part portrait of the Mediterranean and the people who live on its shores celebrates some of the sea's great battles (r). (Teletext)
5.30 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic scatterbrained comedy from Lucille Ball
6.00 Roseanne. *American domestic comedy starring* Roseanne Barr
6.30 sixthirtysomething. Showbiz magazine presented by Ann Bryson and Maria McErlane. Includes interviews with Jeremy Beadle and Corbin Berson and a feature on the *Inspector Morse* series
7.00 *Channel 4 News* *with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)* Weather
7.50 First Reaction. Gerry Anderson asks his *Thunderbirds* puppets Lady Penelope and her chauffer Parker their opinion of the new £160,000 Bentley
8.00 Brookside. An univited mourner at the funeral of Sue and Daniel causes Terry's grief to turn to blind fury. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 Anton Mosimann – Naturally. In the penultimate programme of his series on innovative cooking Anton Mosimann returns to his native Switzerland to see how the best chocolate in the world is produced. (Teletext)
9.00 Cheers. Repeat run of the first series of the award-winning comedy set in a Boston bar. Tonight Sam (Ted Danson) is made an offer he *cannot refuse* by a glamorous television executive – until Diane (Shelley Long) points out something in the small print (r). (Teletext)
9.30 Mushroom Magic. The third of Michael Jordan's six-part series on the world of mushrooms. In this programme he meets French mushroom trader Jean-Claude Monteil who explains why *mushroom hunting can be fun (r). (Teletext)*
10.00 Dream On. American comedy series starring Brian Benben and Julie Carmen. This week Martin goes too far when he rails against the foolishness of Nina when she is arrested for ecological guerilla *action, and then discovers she has right on her side. (Teletext) (s)*
10.35 Clive Anderson Talks Back. With Stephen Fry, Phil Collins and Lady Olga Maitland (s)



Recalling the punk era: the Sex Pistols in concert (11.15pm)

11.15 Punk.
● CHOICE: Malcolm McLaren exhorted his punk followers to "be childish, be irresponsible, be disrespectful, be everything this *society hates". They took him up on it*, with results that changed, some would say disfigured, the face of pop music. The flavour of the punk era is strongly captured in this compilation of performance footage from a 1970s Granada Television series, *So It Goes*. Here again, trying to be outrageous, are the Sex Pistols, the Clash, Iggy Pop and Siouxsie and the Banshees. Elvis Costello declares that his destiny is to be an irritant and the now respectable Bob Geldof fronts the Boomtown Rats. "Punk is garbage" declared the *Sunday Times* critic, Derek Jewell, and it is tempting to agree. At least no one can have objected to the lyrics, since they are totally incomprehensible. The programme launches a weekend of punk celebration *on Channel 4*
12.15am Film: The Great Rock 'n' Roll Swindle (1979) starring the Sex Pistols and Malcolm McLaren. A docu-drama about the rise and fall of the anarchic punk rock band, the Sex Pistols, three members of which have since died. Directed by Julien Temple, who went on to make *Absolute Beginners*. Ends at **2.05**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Women's European Golf 5.10-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 The Young Riders 11.40-12.35 Rugby World Cup 91

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr *6.00 Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00* Take the High Road 10.40-11.10 A Deep *Dilemma* 12.05am-1.05 In the Heat of the Night 2.05 Dirty Dancing 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30-5.30 Film: The Hide-Out

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The *Magic Wok 5.10-5.40 This is America,* Charlie Brown 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10-1.05 Rugby World Cup 91 2.05 Film: Midnight Movie Massacre 3.40 The Hit Man and Her 4.40-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Women's *European Golf 5.10-5.40* Voyager – The World of National Geographic 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Granada Up Front 11.40 Rugby World Cup 91 12.35am-1.05 Married With Children 2.05 Dirty Dancing 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30-5.30 Film: The Hide Out

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV West 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 10.40-11.10 Rare Breed – Three Women Farmers

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Special Report 10.40-11.10 Images

SCOTTISH
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40-11.10 Scotsport Extra Time 12.05 Dirty Dancing 12.35-1.05 The Twilight Zone 2.05 Film: Breakdance 2 – Electric Boogaloo 3.50 Pop Profile 4.05 America's Top Ten 4.35 Superboy 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens For All 10.40 Magnum 11.40 Rugby World Cup 91 12.35-1.05 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 2.05 Dirty Dancing 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30-5.30 Film: The Hide-Out"

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 Sons And Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.50-7.00 Police 5 10.40-11.10 This Way Out

TYNE TEES
As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 A Word in Your Ear 10.40-11.10 Prendergast is Sinful 12.05am-1.05 The Law and Harry McGraw 2.05 Dirty Dancing 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30-5.30 Film: The Hide-Out"

ULSTER
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Check It *Out 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00* Glenroe 10.40 Kelly 12.10-1.05 Rugby World Cup 91 2.05 Dirty Dancing 3.00 Night Beat 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30-5.30 Film: The Hide-Out"

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55pm Graham Kerr 2.20-2.50 An Invitation To Remember *(Lionel Jeffries) 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00* Who's Into... 10.40-11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05-1.05 War of the Worlds 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35 Zara Dyan Dein 2.40-5.30 Film: Izzat

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.30 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen To One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Faith, Hope and Clarity 2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 My Two Dads 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Rygbi-Cwpan Y Byd 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Codi Cwestiwn 9.45 Re-Play: Nightclub 10.00 Dream On 10.35 *Clive Anderson Talks Back 11.15 Punk* 12.15 Film: The Great Rock "n" Roll Swindle 2.05 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.10pm Oireachtas Report 12.30 Opening Nights 1.00 News 1.30 Aerial Financial Pages 1.45 Fair Play 1.55 Kitchen Garden 2.10 The Heritage of the Guiden*burgs 3.00 Live At Three 4.00 News followed* by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.20 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Video File 8.00 Major Dad 8.30 Winning Streak 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show 11.35 News Extra followed by Shannon's Deal 12.40am Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cúrsaí 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Surgical Spirit 9.30 News followed by Film: L'Atlante 11.05 Film: The Great St Louis Bank Robbery (Steve McQueen, David Clarke, Molly McCarthey) 12.40am Close

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Walton (Overture, Portsmouth Point: LPO under Leonard Slatkin); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 2, BWV 1047: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment); Schubert (The Lord is My Shepherd, D 706); Brahms (Barcarole, Op 44 No 3: Quiristers of Winchester College under Julian Smith)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Telemann (*Concerto in B flat,* Polish Musica Antiqua Köln under Reinhard Goebel); Beethoven (Symphony Noo 2 in D: London Classical Players under Roger Norrington); Saint Saëns (Airs de Ballet d'Ascanio: William Bennett, flute)
[illegible]30 News
[illegible]35 Composers of the Week: Schumann. Impromptus on a Theme of Clara Wieck, Op 5: *Charles Rosen, piano;* Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44: Peter Frankl Lindsay Quartet; Gesänge der Frühe, Op 133: *Peter Frankl*
[illegible]35 Morning Sequence: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 50 No 3: Coull String Quartet); Jean Barrière (Sonata for cello and double bass: A Man, a Woman and a Double Bass); Colin Matthews (Oboe Quartet No 1: Berlin Oboe Quartet); Viotti (Scherzando for cello and double bass); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 16 in D, K451: ECO under Murray *Perahia, piano*); *Paganini* (Fantasia for cello and double bass); Richard Rodney Bennett (Oboe Quartet). Interspersed *with Michael* Murray's arrangements of songs by Hoagy Carmichael and George Gershwin performed by *A Man,* a Woman and a Double Bass
[illegible].40 BBC Scottish SO under George Hurst performs *Matthew Taylor (Sinfonia* brevis); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great) (r)
[illegible].00pm News
[illegible].05 *Chamber Music from* Manchester: Piotr Anderszewski, piano, performs Bach (French Suite No 6, BWV 817); *Schumann* (Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Op 26); Chopin (Three Mazurkas, Op 59)
[illegible].00 *Japan Season: The Japanese* Ear (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive. Noel Mewton-Wood performs Liszt (Tre Sonetti del Petrarca); Ronald Stevenson introduces Busoni's Fantasia; Busoni (Fantasia Contrappuntistica, 1910 version: Noel Mewton-Wood
4.10 Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music. The Cambridge *Musick, with Robert Ehrlich,* recorder, Andrew Manze, violin, Mark Levy, viola da gamba, Richard Egarr, *harpsichord/organ,* performs works by Lawes and Locke, Bassano, Dalla Casa, Corradini, Castello and Turini (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 Japan Season: Jazz Japan Style. In the second of four programmes, Shunichi Satoh concentrates *on big-band* jazz. He includes records by Tatsuya Takahashi and Tokyo Union, the Toshiko Akiyoshi-Lew Tabackin Band and Nobuo Hara and His Sharps and Flats
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear. Hugh Honour, co-author of *A World History of Art* talks to Bryan Robertson about the sources of inspiration for his books
7.30 Japan Season: Invitation Concert. Live from the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, London. Tadao Sawai, *koto*, *Yoshikaza Iwamoto,* shakuhachi, Sumira Yoshihara, percussion, perform Yatsuhashi Kengyo (Rokudan); Tadao Sawai (Gaku); trad (Kamuke); Tadao Sawai (Jogen no kyoku) Maki Ishii (13 drums 1985); Takashi Kako (Dual)
9.00 Japan Season: Performing Rites. Brian Powell examines the development of the modern Japanese theatre
9.45 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Frans Brüggen, with Anner Bylsma, cello, performs Haydn (Symphony No 90 in C; Cello Concerto in D) **10.40** Interval reading **10.45** Beethoven (Symphony No 8 in F)
11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week: 20th Century Japanese Composers. Toru Takemitsu (Riverrun); Akira Miyoshi (String Quartet); Akira Nishimura (Ketiak); Ryohei Hirose (Tamafuri) (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (**FM** only)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** *News Briefing; Weather* **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today with John *Humphrys* and Peter Hobday, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs. Film-maker John Schlesinger talks to Sue Lawley (s) (r)
9.45 The Village. Nigel Farrell presents a series reflecting the life of Bentley, a small rural community in Hampshire
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only). Bernard Hill reads from Leviticus
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (**FM** only)
● *CHOICE: Simon Brett's* return with another compilation of diary entries for the same day – October 18 – *but in different years* and by different diarists, is the same entertaining mixture of the trivial (Brett's entry, at age nine: "Six out of ten for French. Weather bad"), the enlightening (David Hockney's confession to Christopher Isherwood that, to design a theatre backdrop, he stole the idea for a tree from Matisse), and the astonishing (literary editor J.R. Ackerley's *revelation about his father's* secret double life). Beatrix Potter's 1892 question to herself, "How old is wire?" is unclassifiable
10.30 Woman's Hour Jenni Murray talks to members of the three main political parties about the results of the programme's survey of MPs and their attitudes to matters of importance to women, from child-care and abortion to equal opportunities and fair representation in Parliament
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Personal History of David Copperfield. Part five of a ten-part dramatisation of the novel by Charles Dickens (s) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf. Nigel Forde talks to Nadine Godimer
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope Tim Marlow meets sculptor Anthony Caro *at his latest exhibition. Plus,* the art of drawing revealed at the Courtauld Institute; the debate about the art of planning cities; and Irish group U2's latest album (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Enchanted Raisin by Jacqueline Balcells. Read by Sorcha Cusack. Three children transform their mother into a raison (r)
5.00 PM with Frank Partridge and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.30 Going Places. Janet Trewin and Chris Goffey begin a new series of the transport magazine at the Motorfair in London
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? The panel includes John Smith, MP, *shadow Chancellor of the* Exchequer, John Redwood, MP, *Minister of State* at the Department of Trade and *Industry, and Sir Leon Brittan.* From Brussels, Chairman Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action. In the first of a *new series, Marcel Berlins* reports live from Brussels, where the Law Society National Conference has been in session this week
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.58** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 Booker at Bedtime: *The Famished Road* by Ben Okri. Read by Ronald Herdman
11.00 Week Ending. A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, Incl *8.40 Entertainment Tonight*
10.00 Anything to Survive (1990): Drama based on the true story of a father and his *children who are shipwrecked*
12.00 Options (1988): An American agent travels to Africa to option the life story of a princess
2.00pm Tarka the Otter (1979): Film following the fortunes of an otter
4.00 Battle Beynd the Stars (1980): A band of seven space warriors are hired by Richard Thomas to save his peace-loving planet
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989): Two teenagers travel through time looking for help with a history examination
8.00 Ninja Academy (1988): Martial-arts *comedy starring Will Egan and Kelly Randall*
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Tango and Cash (1989): Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell play rival Los Angeles policemen
11.45 Wanted: Dead or Alive (1986): Rutger Hauer stars as a former CIA operative who is hunting the killer of his best friend
1.45am Turning to Stone (1985): A young *girl faces a long jail sentence when she is* arrested for drug smuggling
4.00 Never Say Die (1987): A journalist goes on the run with his wife when he becomes convinced someone is trying to kill him. Ends at 5.40

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● *Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.*
6.15am The Running Man (1963): A pilot fakes his death. Starring Laurence Harvey and Lee Remick
8.15 Rich and Strange (1932): Alfred Hitchcock drama about a couple who inherit a fortune
10.15 All Quiet on the Western Front (1930): Classic war drama starring Lew Ayres and Louis Wolheim
12.15pm Kiss Me, Stupid (1964): Dean Martin stars as a libidinous singing idol
2.45 How to Marry a Millionaire (1953): Marilyn Monroe, Lauren Bacall and Betty Grable star as models who plot to capture millionaire husbands
4.15 Heidi (1937): Shirley Temple stars in the classic children's tale
6.10 Silent Voice (1987): Anti-nuclear demo film
8.10 Glory (1989): Epic saga about the first black infantry battalion to fight for the Union during the American civil war
10.15 Black Rainbow (1989): A charlatan psychic suddenly acquires true telepathic powers
12.00 Full Moon in Blue Water (1988): Gene Hackman stars as a man given new *hope by the new woman in his life*
1.35am School Daze (1988): Musical-comedy set in a black college in America's deep south. Starring Spike Lee and Larry Fishburne
3.35 Targets (1968): A mad sniper focuses on a retired horror film actor. Starring Boris Karloff and Tim O'Kelly. Ends at 5.05

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Storm alert out for drivers

By Robin Young

DRIVERS were warned to take extreme care today as gales battering north-western England and Scotland spread to the rest of the country. The forecast is that winds gusting up to 80 mph will continue to cause structural damage in exposed places.

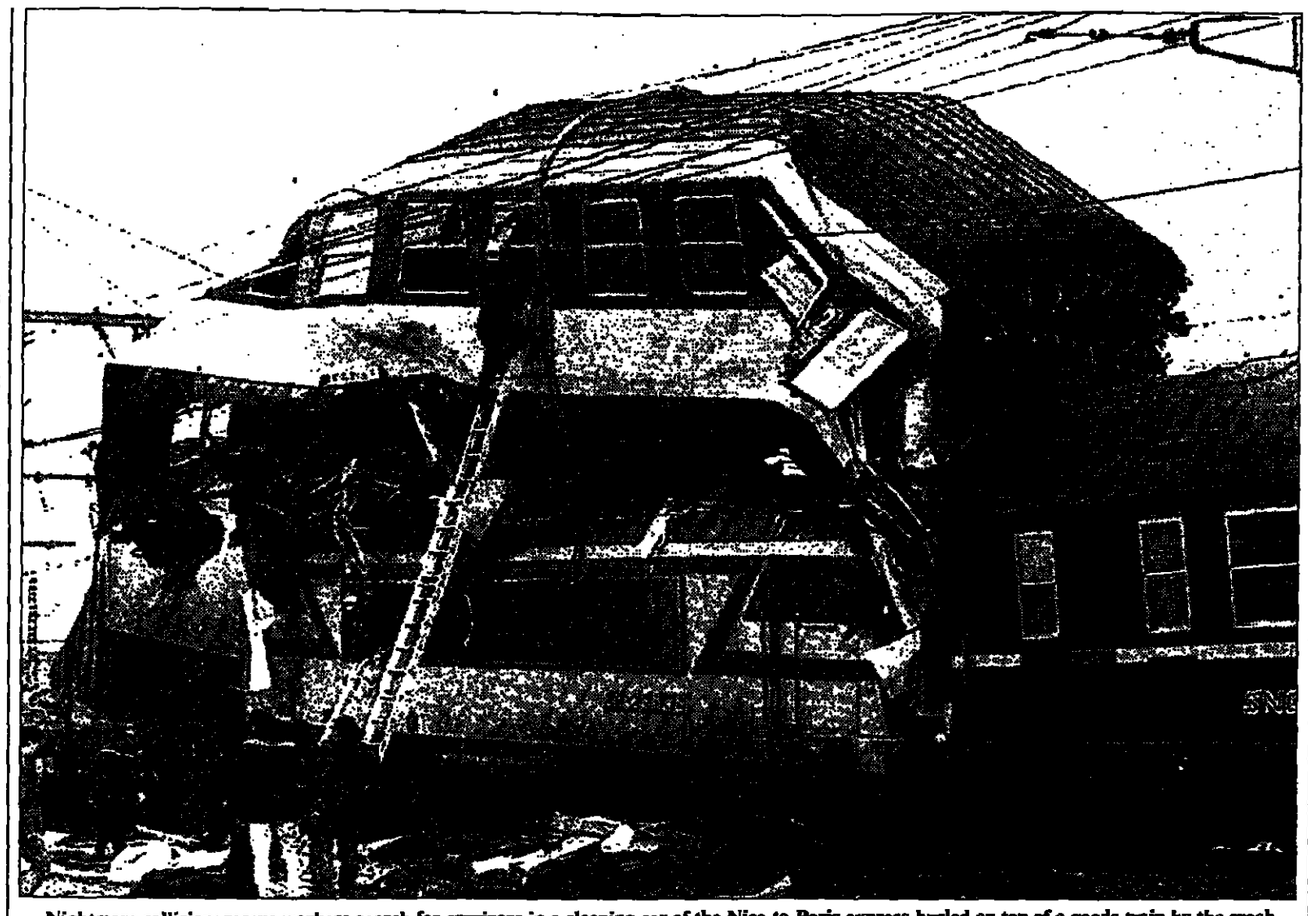
In Scotland yesterday, on the fourth anniversary of the 1987 hurricane, winds of up to 100 mph brought down a power line, part of a roof and several trees.

The Forth road bridge was closed to high-sided vehicles and the Tay bridge to double-deckers. On the Humber bridge, high-sided vehicles were barred and a speed limit of 20 mph was imposed.

Michaela Dridge, aged 15 months, was taken to hospital with a depressed skull fracture yesterday after scaffolding, blown down by the wind, fell on her pushchair. Her mother, Mrs Kelly Dridge, had been taking her three, young children for a walk along Clarence pier, Southsea, Hampshire. She managed to pull clear Michaela's twin brother, Benjamin.

Small vessels were confined to port as the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's 74,000-ton Monarch of the Seas, the largest liner built for almost half a century, put in to Southampton following her completion at shipyards in St Nazaire, Brittany.

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, yesterday announced extra cash for councils whose areas were worst affected by last January's storms. Cunninghame will get £72,100, Kyle and Carrick £8,932, and Dumbarton £4,109.



Nightmare collision: rescue workers search for survivors in a sleeping car of the Nice-to-Paris express hurled on top of a goods train by the crash

Paris night-train crash leaves 16 dead

From Philip Jacobson in Melun

SIXTEEN people were killed and 57 injured, eleven seriously, when a goods train crashed almost head-on yesterday into the Nice-to-Paris express, 25 miles southeast of the French capital. The French railway company, the SNCF, blamed the dead driver of the goods train, saying he had apparently ignored a double red light leaving Melun station. The front coach of the overnight express, which was thought to be travelling at about 75 mph, buckled on impact, ripped open at the sides and was hurled on top of the goods train; twisted metal was piled 20-ft high. Huge mobile cranes tore at the wreckage while squads of firemen and first-aid workers probed with infinite care through what lay below. In mid-morning, the driver of the express was cut free and lifted from the ruins of his cab. Badly hurt and apparently anaethetised, we heard later that he had lost a leg but was out of danger. Rescue workers established a "zone of silence" around the site trying to detect signs of life still in the wreckage.

President Mitterrand ordered an immediate investigation and an official announcement from the Elysée palace spoke of the president's "emotion" on learning of the accident and conveyed the nation's condolences to the families involved. His transport minister, Paul Quilès, at the site of the crash, said he expected speedy results.

Three medical helicopters and 80 rescue vehicles, including 30 ambulances, were on the scene. The waiting room of the station had been transformed into a temporary operating theatre for the most grievously hurt.

According to initial reports, the Nice-Paris train was carrying some 120 passengers — many of whom were returning from a late holiday on the Cote d'Azure.

The accident halted all traffic on Paris's crowded southern suburban railway, leaving thousands stranded, and the road to Melun closed for more than three hours as part of an emergency plan to speed relief to the crash site.

It was the worst train accident in France since June 1988, when 56 people died in a collision between two suburban trains on underground tracks at the Gare de Lyon. France's worst railway accident was in December 1917, when a military train jumped the tracks near Grenoble, southern France, killing 800 soldiers on board.

Political sketch

No-hands Mellor leads Treasury's cocky foursome

"AS ALL who followed the Jaffa cake saga will know ..." Gillian Shephard, junior treasury minister, smiled teasingly over the dispatch box. Even Francis Maude permitted a bleak smile to tug his unforgiving features. The dry, young minister, philosopher prince of the treasury bench, understood.

But your sketchwriter felt almost naked: like a Bateman cartoon. *The man who hadn't followed the Jaffa cake saga.* Excluded from Mrs Shephard's circle, we who knew nothing of these cakes, could only envy the intimacy her little club of Jaffa-cake initiates enjoy.

The minister was answering Joan Lestor (Eccles), complaining (in sharp-cut black jacket) about VAT on uniforms. The larger schoolchild pays VAT where uniform-size is deemed "adult". Beside Miss Lestor on the Labour benches, Kate Hoey (in sharp-cut pink jacket) rubbed power-padded shoulders with Llin Golding (sharp-cut green) and Joyce Quin (sharp-cut fawn). "Our children," said Miss Lestor, "grow faster than the Treasury allows". Her shock tribute to infant nutrition under Mrs Thatcher was interrupted by the Tories' Harry Greenway.

"Can my hon friend say something about VAT on horses?"

"Depends whether they're wearing school uniform," warned Mr Speaker, lest we stray from the question.

"Well ..." said Mr Greenway, thinking on his feet, without much more success than his thinking off his feet, "... when schoolchildren *wearing* uniforms are riding *on* horses, will the VAT on bloodstock ..." and his question followed.

Mrs Shephard was uncertain whether she was allowed to answer it. "You seem to be nodding, Mr Speaker?" she said. Mr Speaker seemed not to be nodding. "Oh go on, Mr Speaker" called Greenway's pals. Mr Speaker was merciful.

Gillian Shephard is one of a cocky foursome: the junior Treasury team. They hardly seemed to miss the absent chancellor yesterday. Their senior member is chief secretary David Mellor. Alternately barking out the answers to questions himself, or, when he was not, removing bits of food from his tie and minutely inspecting it, section by section, Mellor makes an impressive if sometimes sneering ringleader. Sauntering through an answer about "gross domestic capital formation at constant prices", Mr Mellor's whole demeanour asked us to put that in our pipes and smoke it. "Look, no hands!" is the subtext.

As Mellor fiddled with his tie, Richard Ryder tried repeatedly to align his own tie along his trousers zip, which was coming adrift. A chief whip has a certain dignity to maintain and Ryder was previously economic secretary.

The new economic secretary, John Maples, was untroubled by tie or zip: a cool professional flanked by sharper-tongued amateurs. Balance-sheets, we imagine, lay around the infant Maples playpen. But, perhaps tired of being portrayed as the soft man, we noticed something new: a dismissive curl of the lip. When Dale Campbell-Savours (Lab, Workington) — never knowingly undersmeared — suggested the Tories had taken contributions from BCCI — any rat you can smell, Dale can smell better — Maples drawled, with a wave of the hand, that this was beneath "even your usual low standards". Maples is coming to resemble Peter Walker, without the vanity. Yet.

Matthew Parris

Thatcher's TV-am heartbreak

Continued from page 1

think of a better way of ensuring that newcomers could challenge existing companies for franchises. However, they were clearly embarrassed by Mrs Thatcher's letter, saying they did not wish to comment on it because the television commission's decisions could be the subject of challenges in the courts. Pressed in the Commons for a statement, John MacGregor, leader of the House, said he had not seen the letter, adding: "The allocation of the licences is a matter for the Independent Television Commission and not a matter for the government."

Charles Kennedy, the Liberal Democrat president, said: "At last the penny has dropped with Mrs Thatcher that perhaps she and her legislation weren't infallible after all. If only she had shown such acute anxiety for the many others who suffered from her policies when she was prime minister." His sentiment was echoed by Labour's deputy leader, Roy Hattersley, who said: "It is to be welcomed that Mrs Thatcher admits at least some of her mistakes. Doubtless we can look forward to many similar letters of apology to the thousands of others whose careers were blighted or curtailed by her policies."

A spokeswoman for Mrs Thatcher declined to comment on the letter yesterday, saying it was an entirely personal initiative. None of the other losers has received a note from her and a Thames spokesman said: "We're not waiting with bated breath."

Harry Turner, managing director of TSW, said: "I look forward to my letter from Margaret with trembling anticipation. I think Mrs Thatcher's letter was a revelation. If she was surprised that TV-am lost its licence, she should be even more surprised at my company losing its licence. We passed the quality threshold and put in the highest bid, and then we lost. That, to me, is Alice in Wonderland. I wait in hope for my letter."

ITN chief goes, page 2

BR to drop cast-iron conditions of carriage

Continued from page 1

Concern is being expressed, however, that while a codified compensation system will give rail passengers a more precise guide to the levels of recompense they can expect when services fail to live up to expectations, it could lose the flexibility provided by the existing discretionary compensation system.

Under the present conditions of carriage, BR insists that the railways board "does not guarantee that trains shall start or arrive at the times specified in the timetables, and it will not be liable for any loss or damage which may arise from delay to or detention of the passenger".

BR's absolute denial of liability is being challenged in the courts by the Consumers' Association under the provisions of the 1977 Unfair Contract Terms Act. In practice, however, the absolute denial of liability is mitigated by a voluntary compensation scheme where passengers can recover part or all of the cost of journeys that have been subject to delays or cancellations.

Passenger organisations and the Consumers' Association want compensation to be automatic when services fail

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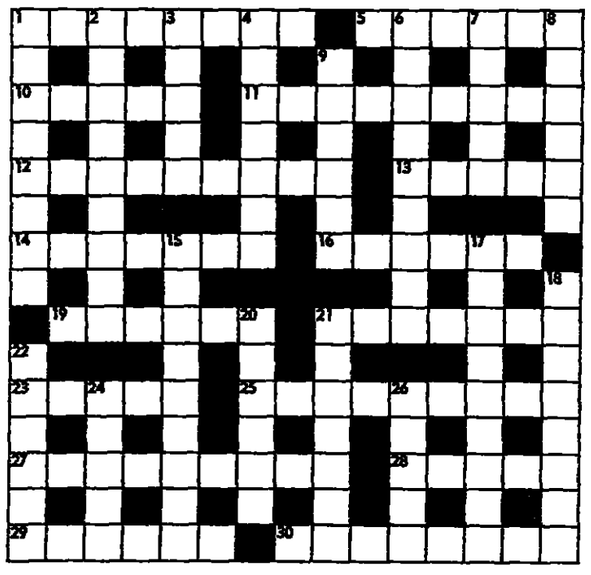

ACROSS

1 Autumn is on the turn — that's a bit of luck (8).
5 Cut the drink (6).
10 Swain can get nothing right (5).
11 Seeing point finally in ethics, that's the human condition (9).
12 Downtrodden worker carries on with wash (4,5).
13 An antlered creature's backbone (5).
14 Prepare to print the rest, in case (3-4).
16 Leaves untouched in the clay, perhaps (6).
19 Each child is individual (6).
21 Casually add one name to end of cast (5,2).
23 Texans remember it as not quite fashionable (5).
25 Would he tear up a beer-chit? (9).
27 Be obstructive — there's nothing original in that (9).
28 Ride bike for exercise and take pulse (5).
29 Property of French art gallery (6).
30 Paper to cease publication? It's fine stuff (8).

DOWN

1 Lawless US area of old in a stew? (4,4).
2 Exalted Russian actor able to afford sea passage (9).
3 Makes for woman of enigmatic style (5).
4 Strike finally engulfs businessman (7).
6 Letter of reference (9).
7 Stupid, like thieves (5).
8 Tomboy's Orkney retreat (6).
9 Devilish opponent capturing rook achieves mate (6).
15 To ruin a single good person is immoral (9).
17 Cartoonist was careful about being vulgar (3-6).
18 Stress name is not to be placed below (8).
20 Country with no alternative to the socialist path? (6).
21 Puzzle a poacher (7).
22 Visit off-colour Indian? (6).
24 Float freely up (5).
26 A mountain has lost its foot (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,739

Concise Crossword, page 19

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SARCOCOLLA
a. A double chin
b. The green garnet
c. A medicinal gum

GRUNION
a. A septic bunion
b. A fish that spawns on shore
c. The ganglion of the elbow

BRICK
a. A block of ice
b. To pretend not to hear someone
c. A squad of soldiers on patrol

SCHLÄGER
a. Strong lager
b. A hut made from a wagon
c. A duelling sword

Answers on page 20

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WEATHER

Showers everywhere, prolonged in the North and northeast Scotland but more scattered in the South where there will be some sunny intervals. Snow or hail showers over high ground in Scotland, northern England, north Wales, and parts of Northern Ireland. Windy everywhere with severe gales in north and northeast Scotland. Outlook: showers, wintry over high ground, with severe gales moderating slowly.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Majorca	23	73	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malta	29	84	f
Algiers	24	75	f	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Mexico C*	16	61	s
Athens	26	79	f	Miami*	27	81	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Milan	17	63	c
Bangkok	30	86	f	Montreal*	11	52	s
Barcelona	21	70	s	Moscow	13	55	r
Beirut	27	81	s	Munich	15	59	f
Belgrade	22	72	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	12	54	f	Naples	24	75	f
Bermuda*	27	81	c	N Delhi	28	82	s
Biarritz	16	61	r	N York*	14	57	c
Borde'x	15	59	c	Nice	17	63	c
Brussels	10	50	f	Oslo	9	48	r
Budapest	12	54	c	Paris	13	55	f
B Aires*	16	61	c	Peking	21	70	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	26	79	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Prague	14	57	f
Chicago*	14	57	s	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Ch'church	21	70	s	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	13	55	f	Rio de J	38	100	s
C'phagn	11	52	c	Riyadh	33	91	s
Corfu	24	75	f	Rome	22	72	f
Dublin	7	45	s	Salzburg	14	57	s
Faro	21	70	s	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Florence	19	66	f	Santiago*	15	59	s
Frankfurt	12	54	c	S Paulo*	35	95	f
Funchal	21	70	s	Seoul	17	63	s
Geneva	12	54	r	Sing'por	31	88	f
Gibraltar	20	68	s	St'kholm	11	52	f
Helsinki	12	54	c	Strasb'rg	14	57	r
Hong K	24	75	f	Sydney	16	61	s
Innsbruck	15	59	f	Tangier	21	70	f
Istanbul	21	70	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tenerife	22	72	d
Jo'burg*	12	54	f	Tokyo	18	64	c
Karachi	36	97	s	Toronto*	11	52	s
L Palmas	22	72	f	Tunis	23	73	c
Le Tquet	10	50	c	Valencia	22	72	s
Lisbon	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	s
Locarno	15	59	c	Venice	15	59	f
London	12	54	f	Vienna	17	63	f
L Angels*	19	66	f	Warsaw	19	66	f
Luxembg	10	50	c	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
Luxor	33	91	s	Wel'nton	16	61	f
Madrid	15	59	s	Zurich	14	57	f

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	7.0	.33	14	57	shower
Anglesey	3.3	.27	15	59	shower
Aviemore	2.5	.38	12	54	shower
Belfast	2.7	.31	12	54	shower
Birmingham	2.0	.09	18	64	shower
Bognor Regis	-	.14	15	59	rain
Bournemouth	0.1	.02	16	61	drizzle
Bristol	0.5	.06	15	59	drizzle
Buxton	2.9	.22	14	57	bright
Cardiff	0.1	.33	15	59	rain
Douglas	3.0	.52	13	55	gale
Eastbourne	-	.20	15	59	rain
Edinburgh	2.6	.22	13	55	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.6	1.10	12	54	shower
Exmouth	0.5	.03	17	63	cloudy
Folkestone	-	.06	15	59	rain
Glasgow	3.6	.57	13	55	shower
Guernsey	0.2	.09	15	59	rain
Hastings	-	.10	15	59	rain
Jersey	-	.13	15	59	rain
Kinloss	5.1	.31	13	55	shower
Leeds	4.8	.06	17	63	shower
London	0.2	.07	16	61	rain
Lowestoft	-	.03	15	59	rain
Manchester	2.7	.13	17	63	shower
Minehead	2.2	.02	18	64	bright
Morecambe	1.0	.37	14	57	shower
Newcastle	2.3	.06	16	61	cloudy
Newquay	0.4	.24	15	59	cloudy
Nottingham	1.7	.16	16	61	rain
Penzance	1.0	.26	16	61	rain
Plymouth	0.7	.09	15	59	rain
Scarborough	1.8	.15	14	57	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.6	.06	15	59	shower
Shanklin	-	.09	15	59	rain
St. Ives	0.5	.11	15	59	cloudy
Stornoway	0.8	.86	10	50	shower
Swanage	0.1	.07	16	61	shower
Tenby	3.4	.26	16	61	cloudy
Tiree	2.7	1.19	11	52	shower
Torquay	1.1	.04	16	61	rain
Wick	4.2	.37	12	54	shower
Worthing	-	.22	15	59	rain

These are Wednesday's figures

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.08
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.80	58.80
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.75	11.00
Finland Mkk	7.49	7.04
France Fr	10.38	9.68
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	337.00	317.00
Hong Kong $	13.65	12.65
Ireland Pt	1.137	1.067
Italy Lira	2285.00	2135.00
Japan Yen	239.25	220.25
Netherlands Gld	3.425	3.205
Norway Kr	11.98	11.18
Portugal Esc	251.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.40
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.655	2.485
Turkey Lira	8700.00	7900.00
USA $	1.805	1.69
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F): min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.25 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.8 hr.

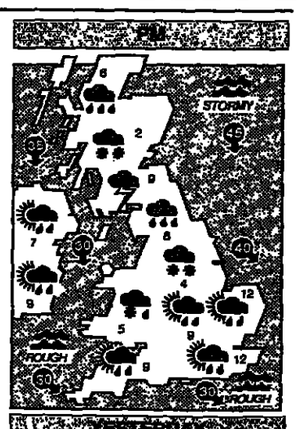
LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.02 pm to 7.31 am
Bristol 6.12 pm to 7.40 am
Edinburgh 6.06 pm to 7.51 am
Manchester 6.07 pm to 7.42 am
Penzance 6.26 pm to 7.50 am

Sun rises: 7.29 am | Sun sets: 6.02 pm
Moon sets: 1.35 am | Moon rises: 3.53 pm
Full moon October 23

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F): min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.29 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.7 hr



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud, f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F	
Belfast	s	8	46	r	Guernsey	12	54	r
B'mngham	s	9	48	f	Inverness	8	46	f
Blackpool	s	9	48	c	Jersey	12	54	r
Bristol	s	10	50	s	London	12	54	f
Cardiff	s	10	50	f	M'nchester	7	45	c
Edinburgh	s	9	48	r	Newcastle	8	46	f
Glasgow	s	9	48	r	R'nldsway	9	48	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford and Worcester, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 1.19 in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 7.0 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.03	5.4	11.03	5.6
Aberdeen	10.43	3.3	10.41	3.5
Avonmouth	3.30	9.0	4.12	9.7
Belfast	7.50	2.8	8.03	3.0
Cardiff	3.15	8.5	3.57	9.2
Devonport	1.40	4.2	2.15	4.5
Dover	8.04	5.1	8.49	5.2
Falmouth	1.10	4.0	1.45	4.3
Glasgow	8.17	3.9	9.54	4.1
Harwich	7.53	3.0	8.11	3.2
Holyhead	7.45	4.3	7.49	4.6
Hull	2.27	5.5	3.47	5.4
Ilfracombe	2.31	8.5	3.11	7.0
King's Lynn	2.51	4.7	3.53	4.9
Leith	11.46	4.3	11.56	4.5

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	8.19	7.0	8.35	7.5
Lowestoft	5.30	2.1	7.18	2.1
Margate	8.26	3.9	9.26	3.9
Milford Haven	3.02	4.9	3.34	5.3
Newquay	2.01	5.0	2.32	5.4
Oban	3.15	2.9	3.37	3.3
Penzance	12.57	4.2	1.30	4.5
Portland	3.24	1.4	3.25	1.5
Portsmouth	8.09	3.9	8.25	3.9
Shoreham	7.58	4.7	8.32	4.7
Southampton	8.12	3.6	8.20	3.6
Swansea	2.42	6.8	3.23	7.2
Tees	12.02	4.3	1.04	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	8.02	3.2	9.08	3.4

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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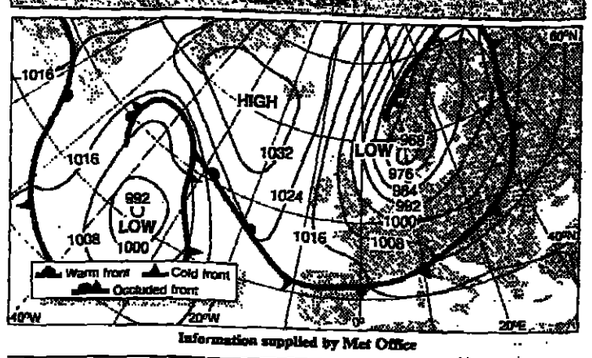

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WEEKEND MONEY TOMORROW

PROFILE

Peter Rawlins, chief executive of the London Stock Exchange, does not mince his words. He once told exchange council members that they were like "a load of dinosaurs". He talks to Carol Leonard

HAPPY RETURNS

Tomorrow is the fourth anniversary of the stock market crash. Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell look at how various investments have fared and find some surprises

SUBSIDENCE TESTS

Homeowners who help prospective buyers and allow tests for subsidence to be carried out could end up with a blighted house

Orlov claims

Count Alexei Orlov, leader of the smaller shareholders' action group at Brent Walker, claims that investors with 38 per cent of the stock oppose the financial reshaping being carried out by the group's banks.

He says he has received 6,500 replies to a circular letter to shareholders,

Dividend held

Hunting, the defence, aviation, oil and technology group, is holding its interim dividend at 4p a share after pre-tax profits in the six months to end-June slipped from £19.9 million to £15.6 million. Tempus, page 26

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7115 (+0.0035)
German mark
2.9121 (same)
Exchange index
90.3 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1986.8 (+6.3)
FT-SE 100
2588.7 (+9.7)
New York Dow Jones
3053.00 (–8.72)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24439.85 (+105.18)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Sunset & Vine	172½p (+13p)
Rank Org	657½p (+14p)
Schroders	985p (+10p)
Henry Boot	687½p (+13p)
Wellcome	735½p (+14p)
Enterprise	547p (+11p)
Ultramar	346½p (+70p)
News Corp	540p (+11p)
Thomson Corp	785p (+20p)
Mersey Docks	225p (+18p)
Antofagasta	587½p (+20p)
Alumasc	351p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Auto Sec	130p (–27p)
Fisons	350½p (–11p)
ADT	521p (–24p)
Carlton Comm	510p (–10p)
Barclays	434p (–15p)
Gerrard Nat	322½p (–10p)
Yorkshire TV	157½p (–22p)
Eurotunnel Units	432½p (–9p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10 15/32-10⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 10 7/16-10%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.02-5.01%*
30-year bonds 101 21/32-101 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7095	£: $1.7100*
£: DM2.9113	$: DM1.7032*
£: SwFr2.5446	$: SwFr1.4880*
£: FFr9.9160	$: FFr5.8020*
£: Yen221.46	$: Yen129.81*
£: Index 90.3	$: Index 64.7
ECU £0.703938	SDR £0.795327
£: ECU1.420579	£: SDR1.257344

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.75 pm $358.30
close $358.30-358.80 (£209.50-210.00)
New York:
Comex $358.25-358.75*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) ..... $22.70 bbl ($22.45)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.8 September (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

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Documents removed in police action linked to BCCI investigation

Fraud Office raids Control Securities

By Angela Mackay

OFFICERS from the *Serious Fraud Office and* the City of London police raided the head office of Control Securities, the property group, and the homes of the three Virani brothers, who manage the company, as part of a wide-ranging investigation into the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. By the end of the day, more than 20 bags of *documents, files and two* computers had been seized.

Shares in Control Securities were suspended at 16½p just before the market opened, about half an hour after the SFO entered the company's head office in Victoria. The share price values the company at £60 million, with the Virani brothers speaking for about 15 per cent of the shares. Gerald Ronson's Heron Corp is the biggest shareholder, with 15.9 per cent, while British Airways Pension Fund owns 5.4 per cent.

At 7.40am, 15 police officers, accountants and lawyers attached to the SFO entered Control Securities' head office at Control House in Gillingham Street, SW1. Four more officers arrived later.

At about 7am, the SFO entered a private residence owned by the Viranis in nearby Eccleston Square and removed two bags of documents. They were accompanied by Zul Virani, the chief executive of the company's leisure division.

Nazmu Virani, Control's chairman, who is reputed to be Britain's wealthiest Asian businessman, and his brothers Zul and Silu, expressed surprise at the raids and said they had not been involved in any wrongdoing.

Like many of the Asian business community, the Viranis banked with BCCI. After the bank's failure in July, Control Securities was forced to make provisions of £3.8 million relating to monies held on deposit at the bank and a proportion of the rent on two commercial properties that BCCI occupied.

The matter was complicated by BCCI holding a 5.2 per cent stake in Control in addition to the brothers' private family company, Virani Group UK, losing about £5 million in the collapse.

When the company announced its 1991 results in August, Nazmu Virani was confident the company had dealt with its entire exposure to BCCI and played down the importance of the bank's stake in the company.

The raids are believed to be partly the result of a confidential position paper prepared for the SFO by outside accountants. The document suggests BCCI could have been more closely involved in Control Securities than originally thought. It also raises questions about BCCI's role in certain business deals undertaken by Control over the past two years.

None of the Viranis have been formally questioned by the SFO. However, Nazmu Virani is believed to have cooperated with the liquidators in their enquiries.

In a statement, the SFO said the searches had been executed as part of the BCCI enquiry and that "the premises being searched include the offices of the Virani Group UK and Control Securities (both in Control House) and the homes of the Virani *brothers in order to gather* evidence relevant to the enquiry."

Control Securities' shares almost halved after the Bank of England closed BCCI in *July, slumping to a low of* 13½p after touching a high of 35½p earlier this year. Apart from some concern about the company's exposure to BCCI, small investors sold out of the company to try and raise cash after their funds were frozen in BCCI accounts.

Apart from the BCCI debacle, Control Securities, like most property companies, was suffering from the effects of recession and the accompanying slump in the property market.

The company accounted for this in its 1991 accounts by revaluing its property and *leisure assets; that led to the* value of its British properties falling 14 per cent, while net *assets dropped 16* per cent to 76p a share.

Consequently, the company produced a pre-tax loss of £3.3 million, compared with a profit of £23.7 million previously, after expectional charges of £18.2 million affected the group's performance.

Control Securities shares' reached an all-time high of 107p in 1987 before the stock market crash in October that year. They never regained those heady levels, but neither did Nazmu Virani lose his reputation as a shrewd dealmaker.

He arrived in Britain in 1972 from Uganda, where Idi *Amin's dictatorship had* started to single out the Asian middle classes as an undesirable minority that dominated the country's retail trade.

Mr Virani started his business with one supermarket in 1976 and developed a chain of 17 stores before moving into wholesaling and hotels. He bought into Control Securities in 1985. He was quoted as saying he made his fortune dealing in the "rubbish" none of the larger property companies would touch and managed to contain the group's debt by mostly issuing new shares in Control Securities in exchange for assets.

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Virani profile, page 3

Dawn action: Zul Virani, escorted by an SFO officer

JOHN MANNING

Paper weight: an officer from the Serious Fraud Office removes documents

Rises in earnings steady after revision

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

AVERAGE earnings increases are maintaining their growth at a steady level according to government figures published yesterday. But the constant level of increase was only achieved after an upward revision of last month's figures on earnings growth.

Figures from the employment department showed that the underlying increase in earnings across the whole economy stood at 7.75 per cent in August. Last month, *the increase for July was put* by the government at 7.5 per cent, and hailed by ministers *as the sharpest fall in earnings* growth for a decade.

But yesterday's figures revised the July level upwards, to 7.75 per cent, with revisions of a similar order for production, manufacturing and service industries. The revision to the July figures means that the figures for August, which would otherwise have shown an increase, are static.

The employment department said the July revisions were caused by higher than expected bonus payments in August, and by some lump-sum payments to workers.

Independent pay analysts were highly sceptical about the government's revisions. Ministers had hoped that, fuelled by declining pay settlements – last week the Confederation of British Industry said pay deals had fallen to 5.5 from 6.4 per cent – earnings growth would dip below 7.5 per cent for the first time for a decade.

Productivity in manufacturing rose 0.2 per cent in the three months to August, new data showed. Over the period, manufacturing output fell 5.7 per cent, while there was a sharp fall of 5.8 per cent in the employed labour force.

Based on this, unit wage costs in manufacturing rose 7.8 per cent, which officials said was the lowest rate of increase for 13 months. Across the whole economy, productivity fell 1.6 per cent, resulting in unit wage cost increases of 9.5 per cent.

☐ Most pay rises in the third quarter have been higher than the inflation rate, says Incomes Data Services, the independent pay research group.

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Taurus postponed until spring 1993

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

PAPERLESS share trading, originally scheduled to have started this month, will not now begin before April 1993, the London Stock Exchange admits.

Peter Rawlins, the exchange's chief executive, said this latest postponement of the Taurus computerised settlement system stemmed from agreement among users that there should be more time for testing. The original estimates of the time needed to develop Taurus's software systems had been too optimistic.

Investors could find themselves paying about £1.2 billion more stamp duty on share deals as a result of the delay. The duty is scheduled for abolition when Taurus comes into operation. The Treasury said, however, that the Chancellor might now review the abolition date. Introduction of Taurus had already been put back to May 1992 because the legal framework had not been agreed.

After the first meeting of the exchange's slimmed down board, which agreed the new timetable yesterday, Mr Rawlins said: "We are not exactly delighted by this news." The government also expressed disappointment.

Mr Rawlins said the new timetable was much more realistic but still depended on the legal framework being agreed and the final design of the system being completed.

The estimated final cost to the Stock Exchange of developing Taurus has risen *from less than £50 million to* about £65 million.

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US inflation blow to rate cut hopes

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

A SURPRISE rise in American inflation during September has dashed hopes of an imminent cut in interest rates, but the weakness of the recovery suggests that an easing cannot be long delayed.

Higher housing, food and energy costs pushed consumer price inflation up 0.4 per cent last month, the biggest monthly increase since January and about twice what Wall Street had expected.

These worrying inflation figures were part of a welter of indicators that gave a mixed picture. Expectations that the Federal Reserve Board would seek to ensure a steady recovery from the recession by easing the monetary reins, were previously encouraged by low inflation. But the September surge, after three months of 0.2 per cent advances, poured cold water on such hopes, even though the pick-up could be no more than temporary.

Inflation has risen 2.9 per cent in the first nine months, well below the 6.1 per cent increase last year. Figures for industrial production, which have provided an encouraging picture of recovery in recent months, were disappointing, showing only a 0.1 per cent rise in September.

Much of the increase in manufacturing has been going to exports, narrowing the trade deficit. However, yesterday's figures showed exports falling 3 per cent in August, when the trade gap widened 13.6 per cent to $6.76 billion, the biggest deficit for seven months.

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Ultramar rejects bold Lasmo bid

By Martin Barrow

LASMO, the independent oil *and gas exploration company,* has launched an audacious £1.17 billion takeover bid for Ultramar, the diversified natural resources group.

After several days of speculation about a bid for Ultramar, involving British Gas and BP, it was Lasmo that yesterday emerged with a one-for-one share exchange offer.

Lasmo proposes to retain Ultramar's upstream interests in the North Sea and Indonesia but to dispose of extensive downstream interests in North America, including two refineries and almost 2,000 petrol stations, as well as shipping interests.

Ultramar dismissed the offer as "unsolicited and unwelcome" and advised shareholders to take no action.

Lasmo's offer is worth 315p for each Ultramar share, against Wednesday's closing price of 277p and compared with a 12-month high of 355p. Until recent bid speculation provided some support, the shares had underperformed the stock market by 30 per cent. Affected by reported losses of £21 million after tax for the first six months of the current year, the shares slumped to a low of 254p. As a result, Ultramar, one of the *original constituents of the* FT-SE 100, was removed from the index this summer.

Analysts heaped scorn upon the value of the bid and dismissed it as primarily an opening shot in what is likely to become a protracted battle.

The enlarged group would enjoy production of 209,100 barrels of oil-equivalent a day, compared with Lasmo's current output of 93,000 barrels. Chris Greentree, chief executive of Lasmo, said: "The logic of combining our business with Ultramar's upstream interests, both of which are focused in the UK and the Far East, is compelling." He added that Ultramar's current strategy was irrational.

In August, John Darby, the Ultramar chairman, alarmed by the fall in his company's *share price, indicated that* a strategy review was under way and that disposals of underperforming businesses would be sold, a process that is expected to accelerate in the defence against the bid.

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Darby: alarmed by fall

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TVS goes back to its bankers

By MARTIN WALLER

AS SHARE prices in some television companies retaining their franchises continued to fall on worries about their future financial health, one of the losers in the franchise round said it was in talks with its bankers over their continued support.

TVS Entertainment reiterated comments, made at the time of the group's proposed £60 million refinancing earlier this year, that failure to retain the right to broadcast to the south and southeast of England could mean a gradual sell-off of the group's assets.

That is the board's preferred strategy as it continues to operate the licence until the end of next year. If the rival Meridian consortium is confirmed in the award of the licence, then the refinancing at TVS will not happen. Discussions will take place with the banks "as a matter of urgency", said a statement.

TVS shares slipped another 3p to 18p. Also falling were Yorkshire, down 22p at 158p, and HTV Group, down 4p at 42p, both thought by analysts to have bid uncomfortably high sums to keep the licence. Granada, also a successful franchise-holder, saw its shares rise by 6p to 190p.

Fisher plans to continue buying spree

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ALBERT Fisher, the fresh and frozen food distributor, will continue its policy of growth by acquisition despite City fears over its long-term growth potential. Tony Millar, the group's executive chairman, said £42 million was spent last year on three large acquisitions and he would not be surprised if a similar amount were to be spent this year.

He said, however, that he would be reluctant to issue shares at the current price, which fell another 2p to 89p. They have slumped almost 35 per cent in the past seven months. Fisher has £70 million cash on its balance sheet.

Mr Millar has appointed Stephen Walls, chief executive of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, and Hugh Ashton as non-executive directors to strengthen the board and improve City sentiment in the wake of Keith Brackpool's departure as chief executive of the American division in March.

Fisher made pre-tax profits of £89 million for the year to end August, compared with £74.4 million. Turnover rose by 6 per cent to £1.1 billion and earnings per share rose 6 per cent to 10.36p. There was an extraordinary charge of £6.47 million representing the cost of writing off the group's investment in Pacific Agricultural Holdings. The final dividend of 2p makes 3.75p for the year, an increase of 12 per cent.

The market had been expecting higher profits from Fisher but the recession in America, where profits fell from £19.3 million to £18.9 million, and problems at Holco, the European mushroom processing business, depressed results. Overall, the European business made £53.9 million, compared with £49.8 million.

Mr Millar said delayed earnouts on the acquisitions made to date would total a maximum of £22 million, payable by the end of 1992, if all the companies met their top profit targets.

Adding strength: Stephen Walls joins Albert Fisher

Ridley 'not irrational' on Fayeds

NICHOLAS Ridley, the former trade secretary, did not act irrationally or unreasonably in refusing to seek disqualification of the Fayed brothers from company directorship over their conduct during the Harrods takeover battle, Treasury counsel argued in the High Court.

"Dishonesty and deception do not automatically lead to disqualification," said Mr John Laws for Peter Lilley, the present secretary of state. Mr Ridley's decision in March 1990 could not be challenged unless he had acted irrationally or unreasonably.

Lonrho is seeking to overturn the then minister's refusal to apply to the courts for a disqualification order against Mohamed, Ali and Salah Fayed, despite publication of an official DTI report that said the Fayeds lied persistently to win approval for their successful £615 million takeover bid for the House of Fraser stores group.

David Oliver, QC, for the Fayeds, said: "There is a real difference between honest trading in the ordinary course and the sort of pressures exerted on people in the course of a hotly contested takeover." The judges will give judgment today.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Bell Lawrie White fined further £75,000

THE Securities and Futures Authority has fined Bell Lawrie White, Scotland's largest stockbroker, £75,000 for breaches of rules after the merger of Robert White and Bell Lawrie in 1989. The broker is part of Hill Samuel, four of whose investment companies were fined a total of £100,000 by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation in May.

The breaches involved the broker's failure to reconcile accounts within the time specified in rules. The failure, once discovered, was reported to the regulator by the broker. No one lost any money as a result of the breach and the broker has now strengthened its financial controls. The fine included a contribution towards the costs of the disciplinary hearings. Hill Samuel Private Client Management, Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers, Hill Samuel Investment Services and Hill Samuel Pep Managers had admitted 13 breaches.

Jermyn slips in first half

JERMYN Investment Co reports a decline in pre-tax profits from £155,000 to £105,000 in the half year to end-June. Net property income rose from £46,000 to £70,000, but the company incurred a £19,000 net loss on fixed-asset investments (profit of £78,000). The loss per share is 1.16p (earnings of 3.17p).

Air London lifts payout

AIR London International, the USM-quoted air charter broker, is raising its final dividend to 1.8p (1.4p), making an improved total of 3.2p (2.5p). Pre-tax profits climbed from £823,000 to £1.2 million in the year to end-July, on turnover of £19.3 million (£13.4 million). Earnings per share are 8.9p (6.2p).

BTG omits interim

BUSINESS Technology Group, the office equipment company where Tony Berry, the former chairman and chief executive of Blue Arrow, recently took control, has passed its interim dividend (1.5p) after reporting a loss.

The pre-tax loss for the six months to end-June is £154,000, against a profit of £985,000 last time. Turnover rose from £23.4 million to £30.4 million. The loss per share is 0.42p (earnings of 4.76p).

Forward cuts losses

FORWARD Technology Industries, the high-tech cleaning to videotape duplication group, has trimmed pre-tax losses from £1.13 million to £635,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover declined from £19.8 million to £18.6 million. The loss per share is reduced to 1.9p (2p loss). Once again, there is no interim dividend.

Rolls wins $80m order

AN $80 million order to supply gas turbine power systems for offshore platforms in the South American oil and gas industry has been won by Cooper Rolls, a joint venture between Rolls-Royce and Cooper Industries of Houston, Texas. Rolls will provide engines and spares worth $30 million as part of the contract.

Gerrard slightly lower

INTEREST rates and bond yields will continue to fall due to slow money growth and a much weaker economy in 1992 than most expect, says Gerrard & National, the discount house and securities group.

Group profits, not revealed at the half year, were slightly down, the company said. Profits for all of 1990 were 40 per cent up at £12.1 million. Shares fell 10p to 327p from disappointment at a maintained 6p dividend.

H Boot bucks the trend

HENRY Boot & Sons has again bucked the trend in the construction sector with a rise in pre-tax profits to £2.07 million (£1.96 million) in the first half of this year. The interim dividend rises from 7p to 7.5p a share. The shares gained 13p to 688p.

Jamie Boot, the managing director, says the recession continues to affect business and that the hoped-for recovery has yet to happen. The company bought in 190,000 of its own shares at 460p each this year.

Crown pleases

Shares in Crown Eyeglass rose 20p to 190p on better than expected interim results and the announcement of a 2p maiden dividend. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September rose from £79,000 to £242,000.

MY in profit

MY Holdings, the board and plastic packaging group, rose to a pre-tax profit of £547,000 in the year to end-August (loss of £2.05 million). A final dividend of 0.5p (nil), makes 0.5p (0.55p).

Brooks cuts

Brooks Service Group has cut its interim dividend to 1.3p (1.84p) after a decline in pre-tax profits from £563,000 to £336,000 in the 26 weeks to June 29.

Pause for Tunnel evidence

A HIGH Court hearing into an application by Eurotunnel to prevent contractors Transmanche Link (TML) from halting work on the Channel tunnel's cooling system was adjourned.

A judge in chambers is understood to have acceded to TML lawyers' request for more time to gather evidence. The hearing is expected to resume next week.

In a joint statement, the parties said TML had agreed to continue work on the cooling system until the full hearing.

The dispute is part of a battle over £810 million of additional claims by the contractor for work on the £620 million lump-sum contract.

TML is a joint venture between five French contracting groups and five British ones: Balfour Beatty, Costain, Taylor Woodrow, Wimpey and Tarmac.

Correction

A REPORT in *The Times* on Wednesday concerning Lancashire & Yorkshire Portfolio Management Limited referred to Stephen Morris, who is associated with that company, as having previously been a director of Blacks Leisure plc. We now understand that this was a different person of the same name, and we apologise to both, and to Blacks Leisure, for any confusion caused.

Japan fears severe economic slowdown

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FEARS that Japan could be heading into its worst slowdown since the 1973-4 oil shock have alarmed big corporations and the powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Miti).

Miti is concerned that the slowing seen in the latest industrial output data is a factor behind the renewed upward trend in the politically sensitive trade surplus, which hit a record $9.76 billion last month. Independent economists have long claimed that conditions are right for lowering the Japanese discount rate to reinvigorate domestic demand. But pressure from Miti and big business is unlikely to prompt Yasushi Mieno, the cautious governor of the Japanese central bank, into hasty easing, especially since the departure of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister who resigned on Monday over widespread irregularities in Tokyo financial markets.

Kiichi Miyazawa, the former finance minister tipped to succeed Toshiki Kaifu as prime minister of Japan, is expected to exert strong pressure for lower interest rates.

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Rawlins takes bull by the horns

Taurus, being an administrative computer system that does not even exist beyond an unfinished book of specifications, is not an animal likely to stir the blood. The latest delay in its introduction, which will now be at least 18 months after the original 1990 schedule, does, however, have damaging tangible consequences.

The City securities industry will have to keep on carrying an estimated £60 million a year of paperwork costs. The London Stock Exchange's reputation suffers, and its ambition to become dominant in the new Europe is further undermined as small continental centres leap ahead. Taurus is unlikely to be in operation for all shares much before the start of 1994.

The possibility of cheap dealing for a mass of small investors has slipped back beyond the horizon and institutional investors face a huge continuing stamp duty bill, unless the Chancellor gives away nearly £1 billion of revenue that he desparately needs.

No wonder Peter Rawlins the exchange's chief executive, exuded intense embarrassment after persuading the first meeting of the exchange's new board to agree another timetable. The decision, overdue since the summer, had been held back for the new harder-nosed board.

The development of Taurus has been a disaster for the exchange, showing an amateur approach, especially to the legal framework and complexities such as dividend payments and rights issues. Realism at least has the virtue of trying to avoid any further disasters along the road. The new timetable allows six months to develop the Taurus software after the final design is settled. In response to widespread worries from the main users, much more time is to be allowed for testing, before customers come in.

Even this timetable still depends, however, on changes in the legal framework being agreed that meet the Law Society's important objections. Unless those changes are small, the final design of the system will not be completed before the end of the year and the whole schedule would have to be put back again.

COMMENT

Lasmo strikes

Ultramar's record has earned it few friends in the City and there have been calls for the head of John Darby, its chairman. However, Lasmo's opening salvo of a one-for-one share exchange, though well-timed, is likely to be laughed out of court.

It is difficult to see how Lasmo could make its bid more attractive to Ultramar's shareholders without detracting from the considerable commercial logic that exists from a merger of the two companies. The 315p a share offer falls far short of analysts' break-up valuations of around 450p after allowing for Ultramar's net debt of £860 million. More Lasmo paper would, however, unacceptably dilute the interest of its existing shareholders, while a cash element would put the enlarged group's balance sheet, already likely to be saddled with 50 per cent gearing before disposals, under additional pressure.

Lasmo is contemptuous of Ultramar's current structure and is confident that it can secure good prices for the refineries and petrol stations in North America. The upstream interests would more than double Lasmo's daily output of oil and gas, and Chris Greentree, Lasmo chief executive, argues that cash flow benefits would comfortably outweigh higher interest charges. The real benefit for Lasmo would come through the sale of the two refineries, but other predators would be able to strike equally attractive deals and possibly pass a greater share of the profit to Ultramar shareholders. So, for that matter, could the incumbent board of Ultramar. It has now to address the prospect that the company has little chance of survival in its present form and can concentrate on unlocking shareholder value.

US inflation

The message from Washington has been that inflation is licked and recovery under way. Like Britain, America faces elections next year. The economy must perform appropriately, with no double dip, or resurgent inflation.

Yesterday's batch of indicators confirmed the patchiness of America's recovery, but it also signalled that all is not necessarily well on inflation, with an 0.4 per cent jump in consumer prices in September. This rise, mainly driven by housing and services, was the same as the underlying increase. The question is whether it was just a "blip".

Wayne Angell, the Federal Reserve Board governor, accepted that core inflation, which excludes food and energy prices, was a "disquieting factor", but reaffirmed that policy is on track for zero inflation. Headline inflation has, indeed, slowed impressively over the first nine months. By contrast, the core rate has proved stubborn, having only dropped to 4.8 per cent.

The White House sought to dispel fears that inflation troubles would prevent an easing by the Fed. If the money supply failed to grow faster, and the rebound was not more robust, interest rates would have to be lowered again.

The dilemma for the Fed is that it cannot cut into accelerating inflation, despite its concern about the frail recovery. It must await fresh evidence of weakness.

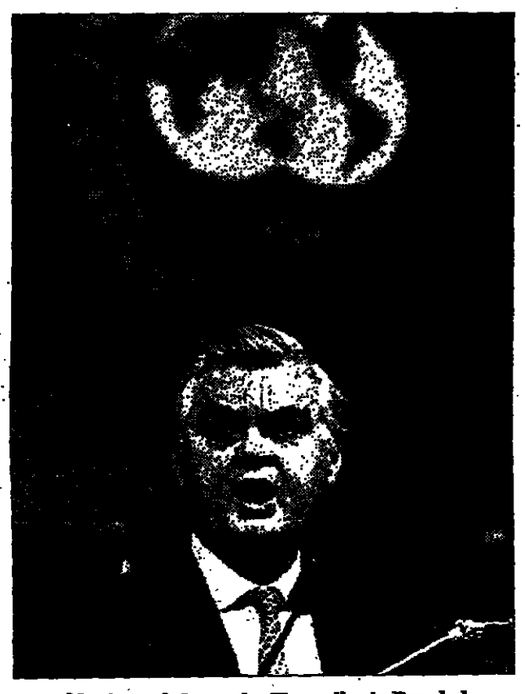
Lamont keeps looking on the bright side of life

AS NORMAN Lamont stepped off Concorde from Bangkok last night, he must have felt a twinge of bemused irritation. After a week trying to shore up the collapsing Soviet economy and wrestling with the debt burdens of the developing countries, the over-reaction in Britain to every monthly blip in the economic statistics will initially be hard to understand.

To Mr Lamont, who seems to believe quite sincerely that a steady non-inflationary recovery is now under way in Britain, the manic depressive swings of economic opinion in the past few days have been perplexing. Equally puzzling is the speculation about whether he will do anything to boost the economy before the election next year. The fact is that the economic die is already cast. If the Chancellor did not realise this himself, he would be firmly reminded of it by Treasury officials, who would point out that nothing the government can do now would have a significant effect on economic growth, output, or employment in time for the election.

The government simply has to live with what it has got. On the brighter side, however, Mr Lamont's advisers have also been telling him that the beneficial effects of the six interest rates cuts since February are still far from exhausted.

Of course, lower interest rates or cuts in taxes might have political appeal quite separate from their potential macroeconomic impact. But there is no indication that Mr Lamont would think of risking the credibility he has established for sterling in the ERM in the hope of uncertain gains in the opinion polls. Economists outside the Treasury may argue that interest rates are still far too high to allow a sustained recovery in the housing market, or in manufacturing investment. But Mr Lamont seems genuinely to believe in the Treasury's ritual incantation whenever interest rates are mentioned — "We will maintain whatever level of interest rate is compatible with our membership of the exchange-rate mechanism, and with our over-riding goal of reducing inflation." Perhaps Mr Lamont occasionally says something different when he is sleep-talking, but during waking hours he has never indicated that he would prefer faster reductions in interest rates, even if these could be achieved within the ERM. Indeed, Mr Lamont and the officials around him seem to have few doubts or regrets about the policies they have been following. They are convinced that the recession and the extremely high interest rates that caused it were unavoidable. There simply was no other way to correct the excesses of the preceding borrowing boom, a boom that officials freely admit they underestimated.



No signs of alarm: the Chancellor in Bangkok

The Chancellor seems equally convinced that the economy is now on the right course. Obviously, he would have been delighted by the unexpectedly low unemployment figures yesterday. But even a few days earlier in Bangkok, at the IMF-World Bank annual meeting, the Chancellor showed no signs of alarm about the sudden fall in August's manufacturing output.

Yesterday, underlining the consistency of their warnings against putting too much faith in a single month's figures, Treasury officials tried to subdue any euphoria about the September unemployment statistics. Looking at the three-month trend in unemployment showed a much smaller improvement than the monthly comparison, a Treasury spokesman noted, although it was "clearly encouraging" that the trend was slowing down.

Of course, achieving the "modest and gradual" recovery that Mr Lamont has been promising all along would not necessarily solve his economic or political problems.

For the government's critics and political opponents, several flaws in the present economic policy are easy to spot. On the purely economic front, the evidence remains mixed on whether Britain's manufacturing industry can cope with the very high real interest rates and the challenging exchange rates that are the centre-piece of Mr Lamont's policy. The truth about Britain's international competitiveness will emerge only gradually.

A more immediate threat to the economy lies in the weakness of the housing market and consumer spending. Even if unemployment starts to stabilise, there is a further threat to consumption that the Chancellor and his officials seem not to recognise, in the sharp deceleration of wage growth.

On the political front, there is the well known problem of lagging public perceptions. To the man in the street, or the small businessman who serves him, a feeble recovery such as the one now on offer might seem indistinguishable from recession for many months.

Mr Lamont and his officials appear undaunted by any of these hazards. On manufacturing and the exchange rate, the Chancellor's optimism is well known. For manufacturers, the present recession has only been about half as bad as the one of the early Eighties, a record the Treasury views with some satisfaction.

As for the weakness of housing and consumption, this is seen as the mirror image of the last decade's speculative excesses.

But what about politics? The Treasury's long-standing preference for the election to be put off until next year is easy to understand. After all, if Labour is only level pegging with the Conservatives when the economy is still widely thought to be in recession, then it might merely require a small economic improvement for the government to pull into a commanding lead. Of course, elections are not decided by economics any more than economic policies are decided by elections. That, at least, is what chancellors always say they believe.

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Figuring out unemployment

The rise in people out of work showed signs of a sharp slowdown last month. Philip Bassett assesses the jobless trend

UNEMPLOYMENT figures usually send shock waves through the economy when they are one of two things: too high, or too low, or rather, when they are above or below expectations. Yesterday's figures from the government on the number out of work in September were spectacularly lower than forecast — and even more mysteriously, there were no real explanations as to why.

Clearly, the trend in the increase in unemployment is moderating. From a peak monthly increase in March this year of 111,200, the figures have for most of the time moved steadily downward. But the increase of 35,700 announced yesterday by Michael Howard, the employment secretary, suggests that the upward trend has slowed dramatically, or perhaps that this single month's figures are an aberrant dip below the trend line.

Usually reliable City forecasters, such as UBS Phillips & Drew, were predicting an increase of up to 60,000. The employment department's own never-published guidance on the trend was suggesting an increase roughly in line with that — and perhaps significantly, the revised guidance is for a future trend over the coming months of between 45,000 and 50,000. Though lower, this is still well above yesterday's published figure.

Conspiracy theorists, who inevitably grow in number as a general election approaches, were yesterday muttering darkly — and strictly in private — that the much lower than expected increase would have been very handily placed for the Conservatives had there been an election only a few weeks away, instead of next spring or summer.

Howard: data release

While there is a good deal of evidence on how much ministers might like unemployment and other economic statistics to bounce happily for them — the autobiography of Lord Young, the former employment secretary, for instance, charts his month-by-month extreme interest in the jobless figures, his fervent hope that they might show politically helpful results and the clear refusal of government officials to give such hopes any statistical houseroom — there is no evidence of government statisticians being in any way prepared to bend to any such desires. Coincidentally, the employment department yesterday took the unusual step of publishing a booklet from the department's statisticians answering a range of questions about the unemployment figures, including how they are calculated, what changes have been made to them and whether they are prone to revision.

Some independent unemployment analysts would not be greatly surprised if this time next month, yesterday's seasonally adjusted figure had been revised — upwards. Even employment department officials accept that yesterday's figure could be below trend, and next month's will be higher again.

Not placing too much reliance on any one month's figures in a long-running statistical series such as unemployment is a Treasury standby — and a good one — that clearly applies to yesterday's figures.

But unemployment figures such as these may well add to the anguish of those Conservative party strategists who thought a general election in November the best bet for the government.

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Flight to Chelsea

MRS Thatcher still has considerable influence within what was once regarded as her charmed inner circle of friends. At a private dinner, many months ago, she chastised Lord King, the British Airways chairman, for living in an apartment and not a house when in London, even though he retreats to a spectacular stately pile by the name of Wartnaby at weekends. Now, it seems, he has finally followed her advice. King is now to be heard complaining loudly about his imminent move. That move will take him from Eaton Square to Elm Park Gardens, in Chelsea, much to the delight of his wife Isabel, daughter of the 8th Viscount Galway, since it has, of course, a garden. But King, aged 74, known for his wry sense of humour — "they tell me it does at least have an 071 number" — reveals that he has already, rather darkly, dubbed the new abode "the widow's house". His wife is, he explains, 11 years his junior.

Wheel deal

WHILE personnel from the Serious Fraud Office were beavering away inside Control Securities headquarters, in Gillingham Street, Victoria, law enforcement officers of a different kind clamped the SFO's white transit van and one of its Vauxhall cars outside. But before the clampers could drive off, amused reporters, gathered on the pavement, told the nearest SFO employee, who hurriedly produced evidence of the vehicles' bona fides. The disgruntled officers removed the clamps but not before complaining that what they really needed was an authority that was "typed, not written by bloody hand".

Graffito at King's Cross railway station: "BR wishes to announce a delay in its answer to the Citizen's Charter."

Joking aside

ALTHOUGH the concept of a straight sale, as opposed to a management buyout, now seems to be the way ahead for Hoare Govett, the UK stockbroking division of Security Pacific, two of the firm's directors, Peter Meinertzhagen and Robert Whitaker, were nevertheless prepared to bid against each other for the business at a charity auction on Wednesday. Meinertzhagen was yesterday gallantly claiming that he would have gone the highest — up to £20 million — in order to stop it falling into alien hands, but Martin Pope, the auctioneer, a utilities market maker also with Hoare, wisely brought the rowdy proceedings to a halt by refusing to actually accept any bids on the joke item. "There were hands up everywhere," he says. The auction, part of a race evening organised by The October Club, a popular City charity, nevertheless helped to raise a total of £120,000, against a target of £75,000. This years beneficiary was The Motor Neurone Disease Association and its patron, the Duchess of York, was in attendance. Meanwhile, by way of a riposte to Meinertzhagen, Whitaker says he bid the highest for the firm, since he ended up actually buying the joke item. Thanks to clever sleight of hand by Pope it turned out to be not Hoare Govett but a copy of the Duchess's book, *Victoria & Albert: Life at Osborne House*. "I think I paid £3,000 for it," he mutters.

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STOCK MARKET

Ultramar bid fails to excite index

NOT even a contested bid of £1.17 billion for **Ultramar** could hold investors' attention yesterday. The equity market saw gains halved with a futures-inspired lead of almost 20 points in the FT-SE 100 index whittled away to 9.7 at 2,588.7 by the close. Turnover was high at 616 million shares, but dealers complained that the market continued to lack direction.

Speculators were claiming last night that another big bid may be in the pipeline. Ultramar surged 70p to 347p on the bid from its rival, **Lasmo**, down 3p at 312p.

There is already talk a rival bid soon. There has been persistent talk of a bid for Ultramar with dealers reporting heavy turnover in the shares this week in the traded options market.

The decline in its price this year has left it vulnerable to a bid and resulted in the shares being dropped as a member of the FT-SE 100 index. But the bid failed to generate much interest elsewhere in the oil sector which has been out of favour for some time. Only **Enterprise**, often said to be a bid target, made headway with a rise of 10p to 546p, helped by a buy recommendation from Robert Fleming Securities. Government securities remained dull with losses of £¼ at the longer end.

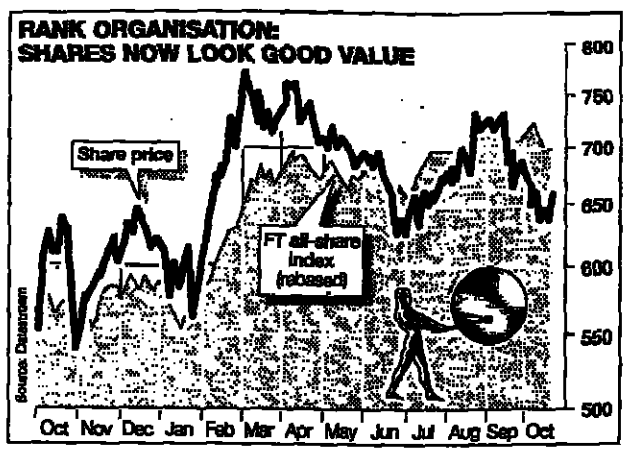
Eurotunnel fell 9p to 433p with the warrants ½p cheaper at 14p. Proceedings between Eurotunnel and TML, the consortium of construction companies building the Channel link, over the installation of the cooling system have been adjourned.

There was a sharp deterioration in the price of **Fisons** after Warburg Securities, the broker, placed a line of 1 million shares at about 450p. Fisons ended 11p cheaper at 451p.

Barclays Bank fell 15p to 434p after a profit downgrading by Warburg. The move depressed the other banks with **Lloyds** 6p down to 400p, **Midland** 3p to 257p and **National Westminster** 9p to 333p.

Ratners, the jeweller, continued to feel the effects of the sale of a 6.6 per cent stake in the company by Baillie Gifford, the Scottish fund manager. The price fell 7p to 72p.

Television shares remained volatile. There were losses for **Anglia**, 7p to 191p, **Carlton Communications**, 10p to 510p, **HTV**, 4p to 42p, **Scottish**, 2p to 643p, **TSW**, 5p to 65p, **TVS Entertainment**, 3p to 18p, **Tyne Tees**, 7p to 277 and **Yorkshire**, 22p to 158p. Shares in the **Rank Organisation** were back on the recovery tack after touching 640p last week in the wake of a visit by a party of analysts to the group's Universal Studios complex in Florida. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, has been a buyer of Rank this week after lifting its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year to £250 million, against £315 million last time. Henderson believes that Rank Xerox will contribute about two-thirds of the total, having seen its profit contribution rise for the past seven years. Henderson is forecasting £300 million-plus for 1992 and claims that the rival **Granada**, up 6p at 190p, is enjoying a higher rating.



Automated Security (Holdings), the burglar alarms group, fell 27p to 130p. ASH said it knew of no reason for the fall. The price reached 184p a couple of weeks ago on claims that ASH could soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid of 240p a share or that a big disposal was planned. Dealers are now convinced the shares have been the subject of a plain, old-fashioned ramp.

Albert Fisher, the fresh food distributor, fell 2p to 88p after reporting a 20 per cent increase in full-year profits.

Business Technology slipped 1p to 27p as the group plunged into the red at the halfway stage and the dividend was dropped.

Grampian Holdings was unchanged at 195p. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, says shareholders of **Macarthy** should accept Grampian's revised offer of 285p. It says the alternative is to await the outcome of the enquiry by the monopolies commission into the rival offers from **Lloyds Chemists**, up 2p at 302p, or **UniChem**, steady at 186p.

A buy recommendation from Kleinwort Benson lifted the electricity companies with rises seen in **Eastern**, 13p to 249p, **East Midlands**, 9p to 262p, **London**, 12p to 268p, **Manweb**, 12p to 315p, **Midlands**, 4p to 275p, **Northern**, 7p to 268p, **Norweb**, 6p to 290p, **Seeboard**, 9p to 275p, **Southern**, 11p to 276p, **South Wales**, 7p to 327p, **South West**, 8p to 266p and **Yorkshire**, 10p to 296p.

MICHAEL CLARK

TEMPUS

Fisher stays in doldrums but deserves a rerating

DESPITE Albert Fisher's record as the second best performing stock of the Eighties, the City does not appear to give the company star billing any longer. But then the City is not as impressed with Eighties top performers as it once was. At the end of the decade, Polly Peck was the company that pipped Fisher for the number one slot.

Fisher's shares have fallen steadily since the middle of March, when they were 133p. At yesterday's price of 89p, down 2p, they are only 2p off their low for the past 12 months and news of a 20 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £89 million for the year to end-August has done little to lift sentiment.

The blow to shareholder confidence came at the end of March, when Keith Brackpool, chief executive of the American arm, resigned after problems with his personal shareholdings in North America. He was negotiating with Polly Peck's receivers about a personal guarantee that he gave over a share deal.

Fisher stressed at the time that there was no corporate involvement and appointed Lenny Pippin to head the American division. The malaise in the share price runs deeper, however. Investor concern has switched to the underlying growth potential of the business.

Yesterday's figures were below forecasts, which had been as high as £93 million in March. It did not help that £2 million of investment profits were taken above the line.

Turnover grew by 6 per cent to £1.1 billion and the underlying organic growth in profits was 5 per cent. Earnings per share rose 6 per cent to 10.36p and the final dividend of 2p makes 3.75p for the year, an increase of 12 per cent.

It seems harsh that a company that has produced earnings growth throughout the recession and has £70 million of cash in its balance sheet should be rated on a 30 per cent discount to the sector.

Assuming profits of £98 million for the current year, the shares are on prospective multiple of eight times earnings and it can be argued that they have been oversold. A rerating looks likely, but until sentiment improves and Fisher matches the City's expectations, the shares are likely to remain in the doldrums.

Higher borrowings: Richard Hunting, chairman

Hunting

THOSE who last October were determined that a Gulf war would be good for Hunting will have been licking their investment wounds since March. Hunting's share price stood at 168p a year ago, touched 199p in March, fell back to 165p in July and yesterday was 4p up on the day at 184p.

Hunting's figures for the six months to end-June and the indications that the rest of this year could remain rough are not going to win the group many friends. Pre-tax profits are down from £19.9 million to £15.6 million and fully-diluted earnings per share have eased from 12.4p to 9.1p.

The interim dividend is, however, held at 4p. The sting comes with a half-time interest item that has turned from a £126,000 credit a year ago to a £2.56 million charge, to put gearing at 57 per cent at June 30, or at 52 per cent, having taken into account minority interests.

Hunting's sale of its 20 per cent stake in New England Properties for £3.47 million will translate into a £1.4 million gain on book value in the accounts for the year to end-December and will help borrowing levels.

Richard Hunting, the chairman, says the incidence of higher borrowings follows heavier capital expenditure that is associated with Canadian oil developments and other non-defence interests and that interest cover remains healthy at nearly six times.

The trading profits split is roughly equal between the three core divisions of defence, aviation and oil and technology, but an ending of the recession in Britain and North America is needed before the profits picture brightens.

Analysts have generally trimmed their pre-tax forecasts for this year from £31 million to £28.5 million (which would compare with £38.5 million in 1990) and the shares trade on 11.2 times' earnings, backed by a 7.2 per cent yield. Hold for the yield.

WALL STREET

Blue chips cut losses in morning trading

New York — Blue chips were under pressure in the morning but above their opening lows as investors consolidated recent gains. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.72 to 3,053 after falling to 3,047 at the opening.

☐ **Sydney** — Influenced by a record performance on Wall Street, the market closed sharply higher in hectic trading. The all-ordinaries index closed at its highest level since August 2 last year, at 1,612.5, up 21.1 points.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices ended firmer but well off their highs. The Nikkei index was up 105.18 points, or 0.43 per cent, to 24,439.85.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Losses for car makers and chemicals pulled down the market, but the selling dried up and banks and insurers rebounded. The Dax index finished down 5.60 points at 1,564.51. *(Reuter)*

	Oct 17 midday	Oct 18 close		Oct 17 midday	Oct 18 close		Oct 17 midday	Oct 18 close
Abbott Lab	55%	55%	Enron	70%	70%	Oryx Enrgy	34%	34%
Aetna Life	37	36%	Entergy	26%	26%	Pac Ent	25%	25%
Ahmanson	17%	17	Ethyl	25%	25%	Pac Gas Elec	29%	29%
Air Prods	71%	72%	Exxon	60%	60%	Pac Telesis	40%	41%
Albertsons	37%	37%	Fed NMA	62%	63%	Paccar	48%	48
Alcan Al	21%	21%	Fedrl Exprs	39%	40%	Pacificorp	23%	23%
Alco Stand	33%	33%	Ft Norstar	24%	25	Pall	38%	38%
Allied Signal	40%	40%	Fluor	44%	43%	Paramount	38%	38%
Alumin CA	64	64	FMC	48%	48%	Parker-Hanin	26%	26%
Am Brands	43%	43%	Ford Motor	29	29%	Penney	50%	50%
Am Cyanmd	64	64%	FPL	33%	33%	Pennzoil	67%	67%
Am EPC	31	31%	Fst Chicago	26%	26%	Pepsico	28%	28%
Am General	41%	41%	Fst Intrsta	29%	29%	Pfizer	65%	65%
Am Home	72%	73%	Fst Union	28%	28%	Phlips Pet	27	27%
Am Intl	82%	81%	Gannett	40%	40%	Phldps Elec	23%	23%
Am Stores	38%	39	GAP	47%	47	Phip Morris	73%	73%
Amax	21	21	Gen Cinema	20%	20	Phlps Dodge	78%	78
Amer Hess	57%	57	Gen Elec	71%	71%	Pitney Bow	57%	57%
Ameritech	60%	60%	Gen Mills	63%	63%	Placer Dm	11%	11%
Amex	21%	21%	Gen Motors	37%	37%	PNC Fncl	45%	44%
Amoco	53%	53%	Gen RE	89%	89%	Phidle Estn	13%	13%
AMP	51	50%	Gen Signal	50%	50	Polaroid	25%	26
AMR	65%	65%	Genuine Pts	44%	45%	PPG Inds	52%	51
Anheuser-B	54%	54	Georgia-Pac	56%	56%	Prctr Gmble	82%	82%
Apple Comp	53%	52½	Gillette	41%	41%	Price	61	61%
Archer-Dan	27%	27%	Goodrich	42%	42%	Primerica	35%	35%
Arida	16%	16%	Goodyear	44%	44%	Pub Service	28%	28%
Armco	5%	5%	Grace	37%	38	Quaker Oats	59%	59%
Armstrong	34%	33%	Greyhound	41%	38%	Ralston Pur	51%	51%
Asarco	26%	26%	Gt Atlantic	30%	30%	Raychem	29%	29%
Ashland Oil	28%	28%	Gt Western	16%	16%	Raytheon	79	78%
AT&T	39%	39%	GTE	31%	32	Reebok	33%	33%
Atlan Richfld	123%	121%	Hallibrtn	34%	34%	Roadway	58%	57%
Auto DP	39%	39%	Heinz	38%	38%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	23	21%	Hercules	43%	43%	Rohm Haas	44%	43%
Avon Prod	45%	45%	Hershey Fd	40%	40%	Royal Dutch	82%	82%
Baltimore	32%	32%	Hewlett Pkd	50%	50%	Rubbermaid	57%	57%
Banc One	44%	45%	Hilton Htl	41%	41%	Rynlds Mtl	56%	57%
Bankamerica	43%	44½	Home Depot	65%	55%	Safeco	39%	39%
Bard	28%	28%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	25%	25%
Barnett Bk	32%	33%	Honeywell	55%	55	Sant Fe Pac	10	9%
Bausch Lmb	48%	48%	Houston Ind	39	38%	Sara Lee	43%	43%
Baxter Intl	35%	35%	Hashid Intl	68%	68%	Schecorp	44%	44%
Bec Dickn	70%	70%	Humana	28%	28%	Schlumbgr	69%	69%
Bell Atlan	45%	45%	IBM	100%	101%	Schrg-Plgh	59%	59%
Bellsouth	47%	47%	IF&F	82%	81%	Scott Papr	37	37%
Bkr Hughes	25%	25	Illinois TW	68%	69%	Seagram	114	112%
Black Decker	17%	17%	Inco	32%	32%	Sears Rbk	39	38%
Block	35%	35%	Ingsol-Rand	50%	49%	Secrty Pac	33%	33%
Bnkrs Tst NY	64%	64%	Inland Steel	20	19%	Shrwn-Wlms	23%	24%
Boeing	50	49%	Insl	44%	45%	Skyline	15%	15%
Boise Casc	23%	23%	Intl Paper	75	75%	Snap-on Tls	30%	31
Borden	30%	34	ITT	57%	57%	Southern	30	30
Brist-Myer	81%	83%	James River	22%	22%	St Paul	60	60%
Browng-Fer	18%	19	Johnsn Jhsn	89%	88%	Stanley Wk	40	39%
Burl Nth	38%	38	K Mart	43%	43%	Stone Cntr	22%	22%
CAI	8%	8	Kellogg	110%	110%	Sun Co	31	30%
Campbell Sp	77%	77%	Kerr-McGee	45%	46	Suntst Bk	35%	35%
Cap Cities	415	420	Kimbly-Clrk	94%	94	Super Valu	25%	26%
Capital HC	48%	48%	Knght-Ridr	48	48%	SW Bell	56%	56%
Carolina	48%	48%	Lilly	77%	77%	Syntex	43%	42%
Caterpillar	46%	46%	Limited	23%	24%	Sysco	42%	42%
CBS	152%	151%	Lin Brdcstg	73%	75	Tandem	13%	13%
Central SW	50	50%	Lincln Nat	49%	49%	Tandy	29%	29%
Champion	26%	26%	Litton Ind	92	91%	Tele-comm	16%	16%
Chase Man	18%	18%	Lockheed	39%	39	Teledyne	19%	19%
Chem Bnkg	25%	25%	Louis-Pac	43%	42	Temple-In	51	51%
Chevron	76%	76%	Manu Hano	28%	28%	Tenneco	37%	37%
Chrysler	11%	11%	Marriott	17%	18%	Texaco	65%	65%
Chubb	62%	63	Marsh Mclen	73%	74	Texas Inst	32%	32%
Cigna	48%	45%	Martin Mar	50%	50%	Texas Util	38%	38%
Citicorp	12	11%	Masco	23%	23%	Textron	35%	35%
Clrne Lu	42%	43%	May Dept	53	53%	Time Wrnr	84%	85%
Clorox	40	40%	Maytag	13%	13%	Times Mirr	28	28%
Cmwlth Edis	38%	40	McDnl Doug	70%	70%	Timken	26	27%
CNA Fncl	66%	66%	McDonalds	36%	36%	Torchmark	52%	52
Coastal	32%	33%	McGraw-Hill	50%	52%	Toys R Us	33%	34%
Coca-Cola	62%	62%	MCI Com	29	30%	Transam	36%	36%
Colgate-Pal	42%	44%	Mead	32%	32%	Travelers	21%	20%
Columb Gas	18%	18%	Medtronic	75%	75%	Tribune	39%	39%
Compaq	34%	35	Mellon Bk	35%	35%	TRW	38%	39
Conagra	44%	45	Melville	44%	45%	Tyco Lab	33%	33%
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	130%	131	UAL	135%	135%
Cons NG	42%	42%	Merl Lynch	50%	51%	Un Camp	49%	48%
Cons Rail	80%	79%	Minnesota	92%	92%	Un Carbide	20%	20%
Cooper Ind	55	54%	Mobil	69%	70%	Un Pacific	48%	48%
Corning	74%	75	Monsanto	70%	70%	Unilever	84%	84
CPC Intl	84	85%	Moore	25%	25	Unisys	4%	4%
Crown Cork	89%	90%	Morgan JP	64%	64%	Unocal	28%	28%
CSX	55	54%	Motorola	62%	61%	Upjohn	44%	44%
Dana	29	29%	Nat Medical	17%	17%	US Life	41%	41%
Dayton-Hud	70%	70%	Nat Semi	5%	5%	US West	34%	35%
Deere	54%	53	Nat Service	22%	22%	Usair Gp	10	10%
Delta Air	69%	70%	Navistar	2%	2%	USF&G	7%	7%
Deluxe	46%	47%	NCNB	38%	38%	UST	51%	50
Detroit Ed	32%	32%	NCR	n/a	n/a	USX Mar	32%	32%
Digital Eq	58%	59%	NED Bncp	44%	44%	Utd Tech	42%	43%
Dillard	129%	128%	Newmnt Min	39%	40	Utd Telcm	22%	23%
Disney	116%	117%	Niagr Mhwk	17%	17%	VF	36%	36%
Dominion	52%	52%	Nike	53%	52%	Wal-Mart	48%	48%
Donnelley	45%	47%	NL Indstrs	13	13%	Waste Mgmt	37%	37%
Dover	37%	38%	Nordstorm	35%	36%	Wells Fargo	70%	71%
Dow Chem	51%	52%	Norflk Sthn	59%	57%	Westg Elec	16%	17%
Dow Jones	24%	24%	Norwest	34%	33%	Weyerhsr	28%	28%
Dresser Ind	20%	20%	Nthn St Pwr	39%	39%	Whirlpool	38%	39
Du Pont	45%	46	Nthn Telcm	40%	40%	Whitman	12%	12%
Duke Pwr	31%	31%	NY Times	19%	20	Winn-Dixie	37%	37
Dun Bradst	49%	49%	Nynex	75%	75%	Woolworth	29	29%
East Kodak	45%	45%	Occid Petrl	23%	23%	Wrigley	63%	63%
Eaton	60%	60%	Ohio Edi	20%	20%	Wrner-Lamb	72%	72%
Emerson El	49%	50	Oracle Sys	14%	14%	Xerox	61%	61%

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		Brussels:	
Dow Jones	3053.00 (-8.72)*	General	5521.74 (+4.74)
S&P Composite	392.00 (-0.80)*	Paris: CAC	494.76 (+2.49)
Tokyo:		Zurich: SKA Gen	509.4 (+1.1)
Nikkei Average	24439.85 (+105.18)	London:	
Hong Kong:		FT-A All-Share	1248.19 (+5.41)
Hang Seng	4018.43 (-15.32)	FT-"500"	1391.61 (+8.74)
FT-SE Euro 100	1095.78 (-0.09)	FT Gold Mines	164.3 (+0.4)
Amsterdam:		FT Fixed interest	96.59 (-0.08)
CBS Tendency	90.5 (+0.1)	FT Govt Secs	86.56 (-0.08)
Sydney: AO	1612.5 (+21.1)	Bargains	24612
Frankfurt: DAX	1564.51 (-5.60)	SEAQ Volume	616.4m
		USM (Datastream)	132.21 (+0.35)

*Denotes midday trading price

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 7	October 18	January 9	January 20

Call options were taken out on: 17/10/91 Albert Fisher Group, ASDA Group, Business Technology, Mountleigh, Prospect Industries.
Put: McCarthy & Stone.
Put & Call: Costain Group.

EMU clause irks UK partners

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

Jacques Delors, whose blueprint is being challenged

A FRESH dispute has broken out over attempts to write a special British let-out clause — based on the "Delors compromise" — into the European Commission's planned treaty on monetary union.

Jacques Delors suggested this year that Britain might find it possible to sign a treaty setting up economic and monetary union if the text allowed the House of Commons to make a later decision about whether or not to join a single currency. The Dutch government, which holds the EC presidency and is responsible for finalising the treaty text, has been trying to put the Delors compromise into the treaty.

But the Dutch version of this section of the treaty is running into trouble with those who say that Britain's exemption is now so widely drawn that any country could drop out of the single currency plan at the last moment. M Delors is keen to see all 11 other member nations sign a pledge to join a single currency now, with only the date for such a merger left undecided.

Last month, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, proposed a treaty clause that would allow members to decide whether to opt in or out before the beginning of "stage three" of EMU, the creation of the single currency. The Dutch government has circulated a treaty clause saying that "a member state may decide within six months after the council (of EC finance ministers) on the date (for currency union)...that the articles do not apply to them." Such countries would have "exemption status".

This formula is likely to please Britain since it would effectively dilute any general commitment to the goal of a single currency. But advocates of monetary union are likely to oppose the Dutch wording and seek something tougher.

Sherwood to extend Irish SeaCat link

By ROBERT RODWELL

JAMES Sherwood, the American shipping magnate whose Sea Containers group sold Sealink Ferries to the Swedish Stena Line less than two years ago, is to extend his high-speed SeaCat catamaran passenger/car ferry services by adding a new link across the Irish Sea to his existing English Channel routes.

Operations from Belfast will go initially to the Scottish port of Stranraer, directly challenging existing Sealink and P&O services before extending to the Lancashire port of Heysham, which Mr Sherwood's group already owns. The network will include the Isle of Man where Mr Sherwood owns 42 per cent of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company and is bidding to buy the rest.

A formal announcement is expected within a month and is sure to be warmly welcomed by both tourist interests and the general public in Northern Ireland, who have long complained that fares on the P&O and Sealink ferries are higher than those charged on their routes between England and the Continent.

The Australian-built SeaCat catamarans used by the Sherwood group out of Dover cruise at 40 knots and carry 400 passengers with 90 private cars. They will offer a time of only 90 minutes between Belfast and Stranraer, compared with 2½ hours by conventional vessels between Larne and Stranraer. The scheduled time between Belfast and Heysham is unlikely to exceed four hours.

With Heysham only a few minutes from the M6, Belfast-Heysham was for years the favourite route for motorist passengers as it is 200 road miles nearer most English and continental destinations. The route was axed in the early 1970s when the then British Rail-owned Sealink withdrew.

Forging links: Sherwood

☐ The Belfast-Liverpool ferry service, which ended with the collapse of Belfast Car Ferries a year ago, is to be reopened on November 2 by Norse Irish Ferries, a joint venture between Grover Star Shipping Corporation and more than 20 Ulster road hauliers.

Intrum to raise £8.2m

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

INTRUM Justitia, the Swedish-controlled debt collecting group, is to raise a further £8.25 million of share capital to continue its acquisition programme, which is expanding the group's operations around Europe.

The company, which is registered in The Netherlands but has been quoted in London, is making a placing and open offer of up to 20 million shares via James Capel, the broker. Of these, ten million will be new shares, which will be placed.

Bo Goranson, the chairman, will also sell up to ten million shares to meet any excess demand. The open offer to shareholders is almost one share for every ten already held at 85p, in line with the market price.

Intrum raised £10 million via a placing when it gained its London listing in May 1990, and now claims to be Britain's leading debt collector.

UK car output fell 11% last month

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

CAR production tumbled by more than 11 per cent last month, underlining the struggle that manufacturers face to break free of the recession. The fall, to 90,739 cars, compared with 102,153 in the same month in 1990, was only the second monthly drop this year due to the industry's outstanding exports performance.

Exports remain strong with 48,337 built for foreign markets last month, an increase of 42.14 per cent. But the carmakers' struggle is at home. Sales in the first ten days of October were down by 28 per cent with Ford, the traditional market leader, slipping behind Vauxhall for the first time.

Vauxhall took a market share of 18.2 per cent, compared with Ford's 17.7 per cent and 14 per cent for Rover. Production tends to lag behind sales and the September decrease is being seen as a sign that output for the home market will continue to be cut up to the end of the year, possibly forcing more lay-offs and redundancies.

Car production for the first nine months is fractionally ahead of 1990, at 944,506, compared with 928,004, but output has been mainly supported by exports. They are up by 89.22 per cent at 452,198.

Difficulties also remain in the commercial vehicle sector where production for the nine months is 27.85 per cent down at 152,672. However, exports are up, to 73,827, an increase of 4.6 per cent. September output was down 24.19 per cent to 16,410.

Payout cut at Dean & Bowes

By PHILIP PANGALOS

INCREASED competition and bad debts took their toll on first-half profits at Dean & Bowes Group, the pub and hotel refurbisher.

The company has cut its interim dividend from 2.75p to 0.25p, after pre-tax profits tumbled from £1.71 million to £301,000 in the six months to end-June. Turnover increased from £19.2 million to £23 million. Earnings slumped from 7.2p to 1.23p.

Stephen Dean, chairman, said: "Margins have dived a full 8 per cent from this time last year, and they are still tight, although we have obviously addressed the overheads."

Interest costs jumped to £288,000 (£21,000) and the shares lost 5p to 35p. The profit decline was exacerbated by bad debts of £110,000.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons (*608)	550	60	78	95	1	14	19
	600	13	45	65	5	30	40
	650	1½	24	40	45	60	68
ASDA (*42)	43	2½	7	9½	4½	7	7
	51	1	3	6	11	14	15
	60	1	1½	4½	20	22	22
Bass (*997)	977	23	-	-	4	-	-
	1026	2	-	-	36	-	-
	1075	1	-	-	85	-	-
Boots (*431)	390	40	49	60	1	4	8
	420	12	28	40	3	13	18
	460	1	9½	21	33	37	40
Br Airways (*206)	160	47	50	53	1	1	2½
	180	28	30	40	1	4	7
	200	10	17	23	3	9	14
BP (*354)	300	53	56	59	1	2	3
	330	23	29	35	1	5	9
	360	2	12	18	10	18	22
Br Steel (*121)	110	10	11½	15	1	3	4½
	120	2	6	9½	3	8	9½
	130	½	2½	5½	12	15	15
C & W (*568)	500	68	80	-	1	6	-
	550	20	43	62	2	18	25
	600	2	18	36	36	44	50
CU (*481)	460	25	43	50	1½	7	15
	500	1½	19	26	20	25	35
	550	1	5	9½	70	70	71
Courtauld (*487)	420	70	78	90	1	3	5½
	460	30	44	59	1½	10	15
	500	3	22	36	16	29	31
GKN (*353)	330	25	40	46	1	7	15
	360	3	22	28	10	19	30
	390	1	11	16	38	40	49
Grand Met (*858)	800	61	83	95	1	13	19
	850	13	50	65	6	32	39
	900	1	26	42	44	60	66
ICI (*1280)	1250	34	92	115	5	34	57
	1300	8	62	85	30	55	80
	1350	2	40	62	74	85	109
Kingfisher (*549)	500	48	66	79	1	6	10
	550	8	32	48	10	21	28
	600	1	13	26	45	55	57
Ladbroke (*253)	230	25	33	40	1	4	7
	249	7	20	27	3	9	14
	268	1½	10	17	15	20	25
Land Sec (*515)	460	58	63	75	1	2	4
	500	18	30	45	1½	12	16
	550	1	8½	20	37	43	45
M & S (*283)	260	23	30	38	1	4	6
	280	5	16	25	4	11	14
	300	1	7	14	20	23	25
Sainsbury (*356)	326	31	39	-	1	4	-
	356	5	18	-	3½	14	-
	386	1	6½	-	33	35	-
Shell (*542)	460	82	92	98	1	1½	4½
	500	42	56	62	1½	5½	11
	550	3½	21	27	15	22	30
Smkl Beech (*758)	700	60	82	100	1	11	18
	750	19	47	67	8	28	35
	800	1½	24	42	45	55	60

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Storehse (*111)	100	11	15	18	2	4	6
	110	2	8	13	3	9	11
	120	1	4	7	12	16	17
Trafalgar (*236)	211	27	-	-	1	-	-
	231	8	-	-	4	-	-
	251	1½	-	-	18	-	-
Ultramar (*344)	240	95	97	97	1	2	4
	260	79	75	78	1	4	6
	280	60	65	67	1	5½	11
Unilever (*791)	650	145	-	-	1	-	-
	700	95	105	-	1	4	-
	750	43	63	82	1	12	21
	800	8	34	51	16	32	43
Utd Bisc (*392)	360	35	46	54	1	4	9
	390	7	26	34	5	14	20
	420	1	11	19	30	32	36
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*449)	420	33	43	56	4	11	14
	460	9	20	34	21	30	33
	500	1½	9	18	55	60	63
BAT Ind (*641)	600	50	68	80	3½	10	16
	650	15	38	49	20	30	35
	700	3	19	28	63	65	67
	750	1	8	16	113	113	114
BTR (*405)	390	24	37	41	5	11	18
	420	6	19	25	18	26	30
	460	1	7	12	57	58	59
Br Aero (*383)	360	35	52	60	8	17	27
	384	19	38	44	17	28	40
	414	8	25	31	38	45	60
Br Telecom (*389)	360	35	41	51	3	8	11½
	390	12½	22	32	12	20	24
	420	4	10½	19	32	38	40
Cadbury (*413)	390	32	48	54	7	14	23
	420	13	31	39	19	28	36
	460	5	15	24	51	53	60
Guinness (*1030)	950	90	120	132	3	11	22
	1000	48	82	100	11	24	38
	1050	20	53	72	35	46	60
GEC (*194)	180	18½	22	27	1½	3½	5
	200	4	10	14½	8	11	13
	220	1	4	8½	26	27	28
Hanson (*222)	200	22	24½	27	1	5	7
	220	6	11	14½	5	13½	15
	240	1	4	7½	21½	28	29
LASMO (*312)	300	22	35	38	7	12	17
	330	7	18	23	26	27	33
	360	2½	8	13	51	51	52
Lucas (*141)	130	12	14	18	3½	6½	9
	140	5	10	14	8½	13	15
	160	1½	3½	7½	27	27	28
P & O (*495)	472	30	48	-	5	12	-
	519	7	24	32	30	35	47
	566	1½	9	16	75	75	79
Pilkington (*159)	140	20	25	31	1½	5½	7½
	160	7	13	20	8	14	17
	180	1½	6½	12	25	27	29

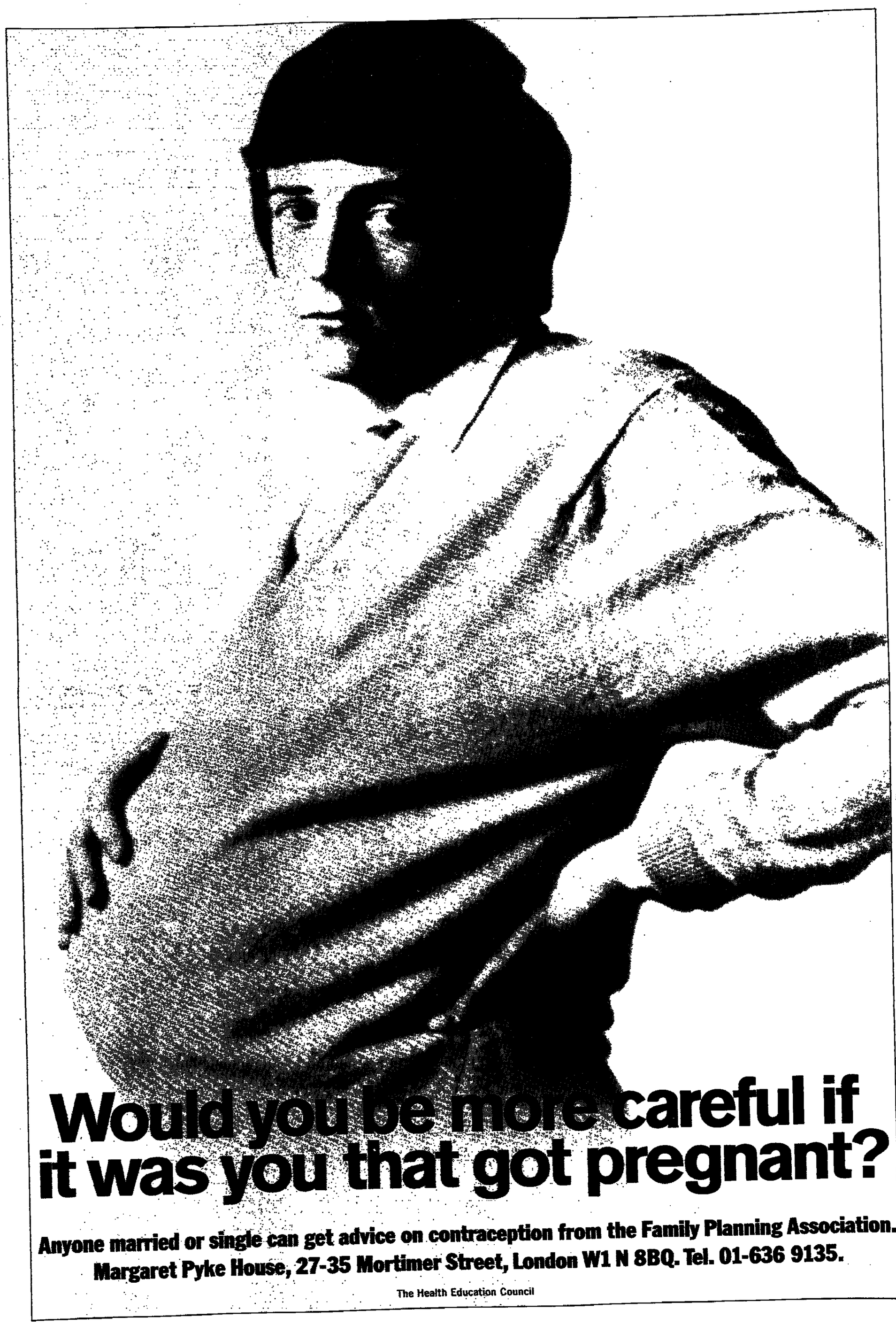
		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Prudential (*235)	220	20	29	31	2	5½	8½
	240	6½	16	20	9½	13	18
	260	1½	8½	10½	26	27	30
Racal Elec (*59)	51	8½	10	-	¾	2½	-
	56	5½	-	-	2	-	-
	60	2	5	-	4	5	-
RTZ (*563)	500	72	87	94	1½	6	12
	550	27	48	55	10	18	28
	600	5½	23	31	40	44	52
Scot New (*419)	360	63	67	-	1	3	-
	390	34	42	53	3	9	12
	420	13	23	35	13	23	25
Tesco (*253)	240	17	26	30	3	6½	11
	260	6	15	20	12	16	19
	280	1½	7	12	30	30	32
Thames W (*373)	350	27	35	-	4½	8	-
	370	12	21	-	12	17	-
	400	5	9	-	35	36	-
Vodafone (*380)	330	56	65	-	1	5	-
	360	28	41	-	5	12	-
	390	9½	22	-	18	25	-
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*449)	420	34	46	58	1	7	12
	460	4	23	34	9	23	27
	500	1	9	18	46	51	53
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat (*286)	280	17	26	29	6½	13	15
	300	7	15	18	18	24	25
	330	1½	5	9	48	49	49
Amstrad (*36)	35	5½	8	9½	3½	5½	6½
	40	3	5½	7½	7	8½	10
	45	2	4	5½	10½	12	13
Barclays (*434)	420	30	42	46	6½	15	20
	460	9	19	26	30	37	40
	500	2½	7½	13	68	68	69
Blue Circ (*242)	240	14	23	28	9	14	18
	260	4½	13	17	23	25	29
	280	2½	7½	11	42	42	43
Br Gas (*257)	260	9	15	19	10	15	17½
	280	3½	7½	10	26	28	31
	300	1½	3½	6	46	46	47
Dixons (*236)	240	26	34	42	5	10½	12
	260	14	22	31	14	18	20
	280	6	15	22	26	29	31
Eurotunnel (*436)	420	50	68	88	17	27	39
	460	25	48	65	40	45	55
	500	12	30	48	65	72	78
Forte (*278)	260	24	33	38	4	6½	11
	280	11	20	25	10	14	18
	300	4	11	16	25	27	29
Glaxo (*1412)	1350	105	144	180	25	45	55
	1400	72	114	150	45	65	75
	1450	46	87	124	72	90	97
Hawker (*740)	700	52	64	77	11	12	15
	750	16	33	44	34	35	37
	800	5	12	20	73	73	73

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Hillsdown (*213)	197	22	28	-	4	7	-
	216	9	17	-	11	15	-
	236	3	9	12	27	28	32
Lonrho (*247)	220	33	37	38	2	7	9½
	240	16	21	24	7	15	18
	260	6½	11	15	17	28	31
Midland (*257)	240	30	39	45	5½	9	13
	260	16	26	32	13	18	21
	280	7	17	24	25	29	32
Reuters (*982)	850	148	170	-	5½	18	-
	900	108	133	152	13	30	40
	950	70	97	122	29	50	60
	1000	41	72	94	53	75	85
R-Royce (*136)	130	12	16½	18	3½	6	9
	140	6	11	12½	8	12	14
	160	2	4	6½	25	26	28
Sears (*97)	80	16	18	20	1½	3	4½
	90	8	11	14	4	6	8½
	100	4½	7	8	11	12	14
Thorn EMI (*799)	700	109	117	-	2	5	-
	750	62	79	99	8	15	17
	800	28	47	67	28	33	37
	850	8	24	42	63	64	65
TSB (*135)	130	13	16	18	3	5½	7
	140	6½	9	12½	7	10½	11½
	160	2	4	6	24	25	25
Vaal Reefs (*565)	60	10	12	16	2½	5	7
	70	5	8	9	8	11	13
Wellcome (*736)	700	58	84	107	20	33	38
	750	32	57	80	42	55	62
	800	16	37	60	77	87	92
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastn Elec (*249)	230	22	27	32	2	6	8
	250	7	15	21	8	14	17
	270	2	7	12	24	28	30
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Nat Power (*162)	140	26	27	30	2	3½	4½
	160	9½	13	18	7	10	12
	180	3	6	9½	21	22	24
Scot Power (*110)	100	12½	-	-	2	-	-
	110	5½	8½	12	5	7½	8½
	120	2½	5	8	12	14	15

FT-SE INDEX (*2590)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Oct	98	53	21	7	2	1
Nov	126	87	54	30	15	7
Dec	135	126	82	54	35	20
Jan	181	143	112	85	59	43
Jun	262	-	195	-	140	-
Puts						
Oct	7	14	33	69	119	189
Nov	18	31	49	81	125	172
Dec	28	40	58	85	118	162
Jan	42	57	77	103	134	175
Jun	85	-	115	-	165	-

October 17, 1991 Total: 49514 Calls 32918 Puts 16596 FT-SE: Calls 1167 Puts 4571
*Underlying security price.



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Double standards in European airline orders

From Mr M. Walton

Sir, I read the article (Business & Finance) regarding Airbus Industrie's request for the European Commissioner to investigate British Airways' (BA) aircraft purchasing policy with interest.

Perhaps Jean Pierson should also request the Commissioner to investigate the engine selection policy of the major "state" owned European airlines, none of which – Iberia and TAP excluded – have ever purchased a Rolls-Royce (R-R) RB211 or Trent engine.

Irrespective of one's opinion of BA's decision to purchase GE90 powered Boeing 777s rather than the Airbus A330 or R-R Trent engine, in my opinion, it certainly was not in the best interest of R-R, one has to accept that BA made the choice.

Would Air France, Lufthansa or Alitalia be allowed to select R-R engines? I think not, one suspects that they are directed to purchase US manufactured engines in which their own indigenous engine companies are partners.

A case of British airlines must support European designed and built aircraft, but European airlines need not support wholly European designed and built engines.

Yours faithfully
M. WALTON,
3 Harwood Drive,
Swallows Green,
Hinckley,
Leicestershire.

Trail blazer

From Mr P. Kafka

Sir, I hope you do not mind my writing to correct one point in Philip Bassett's excellent piece on Roosecote Power Station on Monday, October 7. Mr Bassett writes, "Manweb, the Manchester based company, has taken a 20 per cent equity stake in the new station." I think both Norweb and Norweb's shareholders would be grateful if it was made clear that Manweb, which is based in Chester, has no connection whatsoever with Roosecote Power Station.

Norweb, the Manchester based electricity company, is a 20 per cent shareholder in Lakeland Power, which owns and runs the power station. Norweb is thus a pioneer in two senses; it was the first Regional Electricity Company to take a stake in an independent power station, and the first to sign a 15 year offtake contract which, as Mr Bassett pointed out, was the final crucial piece in the jigsaw puzzle which brought the project to its successful completion.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL KAFKA,
Head of Corporate Affairs,
Norweb,
Talbot Road, Manchester.

Profit priority

From Mr B. Warnes

Sir, Thank you for a fascinating article about David James on Saturday, October 5.

One's main reaction is what a pity the skills of people like David James cannot be used on already-profitable companies, to enhance their performance. Many of our more important companies, particularly engineering companies, make miserable returns on sales, 5 per cent or so.

As a result they often have wholly inadequate plough-back in R&D and capital investment which is currently a source of much concern.

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Have we got our priorities right?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WARNES,
Managing Director,
Business Dynamics Ltd,
13 Blackheath Village, SE3.

Interest rates: cause or cure?

From Emeritus Professor David Bell

Sir, In your article on the ERM with charts showing international comparisons of inflation and unemployment (October 8) it would have been instructive to include interest rates.

Putting in a few values of UK interest on the "inflation" chart shows that there is a noticeable resemblance between the variations of interest and inflation in the UK, which the Chancellor might say is inevitable because high interest is the main element in "the fight against inflation".

But since the steep rise in inflation (approximately from the first to third quarters of 1990) came *after* the rise in interest in 1989 it is possible that high interest *caused* inflation by encouraging large wage claims and increasing all costs of production and distribution (Business letters, March 1990). Later (report, May 30 1991) the NIESR has expressed concern about the long-term effect of high interest.

"The fight against inflation" is a good political slogan, but is it not time to consider the down-side of high interest?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BELL,
87 East End,
Walkington,
Beverley,
Humberside.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
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Alid-Lyons	2,327	CU	728	Lucas	500	Royal Ins	885
Anglian	162	Courtaulds	1,296	M&S	7,684	Sainsbury	719
ASDA	9,841	Enterprise	2,281	Maxwell Cm	240	Scot & N	1,797
AB Foods	131	Eurotunnel	1,208	MEPC	206	Scot Power	2,334
Argyll	3,289	Fisons	5,555	Midland	2,682	Sears	6,750
Arjo Wigg	412	Forte	782	Natl Power	2,559	Severn Trnt	2,128
BAA	487	Gen Acc	240	Nat West	3,496	Shell	2,725
BET	581	GEC	2,280	N W Water	429	Smith & N	4,826
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BAT	1,480	Grand Met	1,680	P&O	1,089	Sun Alliance	1,250
Barclays	5,148	GUS 'A'	290	Pearson	50	Tarmac	942
Bass	328	GRE	1,734	Pilkington	1,134	Tate Lyle	1,145
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Br Petrol	6,454	Ladbroke	1,192	RMC Gp	368	Wellcome	518
Br Steel	975	Land Sec	675	RTZ	1,313	Whitbrd	349
Br Telecm	4,992	L&G	180	R-Royce	1,556	Williams	892
C&W	1,249	Lloyds	4,092	Rothmans 'B'	27	Wills Cor	1,567

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SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
64	37	Headlam				3.2		
295	182	Lambert Howarth	275	285●	–	15.5	5.5	6.1
100	40	Pittard Garnar	97	102	–			
38	13½	Strong & Fisher	30	32	-1			
285	230	Stylo	225	235	-3	12.0	5.2	81.0

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TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
772	558	BAT	838	843●+3		43.7	6.8	22.8
11¾	835	Rothmans 'B'	11¾	11¾	–	24.7	2.2	14.2

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
404	187	Assoc Br Ports	368	373●	–	10.1	2.7	17.0
470	320	BAA	447	450	+5	17.3	3.9	11.9
209½	122	Br Airways	205	207	+3½	11.8	5.7	18.6
237	138	Clarkson (H)	210	213●	–	10.7	5.0	10.3
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404	454	P & O Dfd	493	497 r	+5	40.7	8.2	13.0
290	206	Transport Dev	270	275●	+3	12.7	4.7	17.1
125	85	Turnbull Scott	88	100	–	–	–	1.1

WATER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
408	261	Anglian Water	363	368	+1	23.3	6.4	8.0
400	256	Northumbrian	373	378	–	24.8	6.6	6.6
385	251	North West	353	357	+6	24.0	6.8	5.8
368	226	Severn Trent	330	332	+3	23.4	7.1	5.2
354	221	Sthrn Water	330	335	+3	23.6	7.1	6.2
379	238	South West	350	355	+4	25.1	7.1	5.2
394	253	Thames Water	371	374	+6	28.7	7.6	5.4
404	263	Welsh Water	371	374	+8	23.3	6.2	8.0
434	255	Wessex Water	403	411	-7	28.0	7.1	4.5
425½	284	Yorkshire Water	377	380	-4	23.6	6.2	7.3

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdernhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
Tel: 0345 717373 (Lockline)				
Mastertrust Acc	92.15	98.55	+0.30	2.80
Intl	84.3	88.4	+0.2	1.28
Div/Gth	51.15	54.41	+0.26	5.51
Global Gth Sec	32.93	35.30	-0.06	3.06
Ethical	54.12	57.86	+0.22	2.70
High Inc Equity	136.6	146.5e	+0.6	5.94
W'wide Bond	216.5	229.7	+0.7	8.53
Gilt/Fixed	115.8	122.8e	-0.2	9.36
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 630070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 830930				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ Tel: 071-374 6851				
Am Inc/Gth	31.16	33.06e	+0.05	2.49
Euro	68.39	72.49	-0.32	0.31
Euro Inc	71.89	75.85		1.82
Exempt	802.9	852.5e	+6.7	4.99
Extra Inc	39.93	43.06e	+0.05	5.75
F/E Emerg Ec	47.41	50.87	-0.24	1.26
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610388				
High Inc	350.1	372.8e	+0.3	5.41
Equity Inc	183.9	206.5	+0.9	4.36
High Yield	211.9	225.5c	+0.2	9.14
Balanced	252.5	269.0	+2.4	3.43
Am Inc	35.61	38.13	-0.01	3.88
World Ass Vol	33.00	35.14	+0.16	1.28
Japan	146.9	155.4	+0.7	0.01
Sec of Am	331.1	352.6	+3.3	0.10
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 136 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel. 081-663 3030				
Euro Gth	81.14	86.77	+0.02	1.59
1992 Euro Spc	61.42	65.68	+0.08	1.55
Intl Inc	68.61	73.37	-0.01	2.89
N/Am Gth	50.47	53.97	+0.77	1.46
Pacific Gth	74.35	79.51	+0.54	1.94
UK Gth Acc	62.84	66.98e	+0.74	2.53
Do Dist	72.89	77.74e	+0.88	3.20
UK Income	60.20	64.39e	+0.22	6.98
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capel	90.36	99.94	+0.90	3.29
Euro Gth Inc	91.73	97.85	-0.03	1.89
Extra Inc	85.74	102.4e	-0.20	6.34
General	203.3	217.2e	+0.1	0.00
Gt/Fxd Income	52.48	54.35	-0.07	9.73
Inc Trust	436.6	466.9	+0.3	6.12
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel. 081-658 6000				
Amer Gth	65.19	73.16	+0.44	0.40
Am Sm Cos	77.30	82.18	+1.10	0.20
Australia	64.19	68.82	+0.95	1.90
Convertible	46.13	49.33e	+0.19	6.30
East	127.8	136.1	-0.1	1.80
Equity Inc	77.22	82.14c	+0.13	6.80
Euro Gth	175.8	186.7	+0.1	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	153.7	164.0	-0.7	1.50
Europe	70.09	72.24		1.00
German Gth	44.66	47.67	-0.20	1.10
Global Gth	85.03	90.86	+0.31	1.00
Jap Gth	172.1	184.2	+0.7	0.00
Jap Sunrise	140.4	149.9	+1.7	0.00
Portfolio	89.77	103.9	+0.30	3.90
Do Acc	170.5	177.5	+0.4	3.90
UK Growth	57.17	60.91	+0.04	4.30
UK Smlr Cos	72.27	77.22e	+0.03	3.90
Select Man	55.41	58.94	+0.18	3.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
160, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	64.58	80.49e	+0.19	2.71
Do Inc	70.86	84.39e	+0.18	2.71
Global Bond	23.86	24.85	+0.01	6.00
High Yield Acc	41.85	44.76e	+0.04	4.90
Do Inc	32.67	34.94e	+0.03	4.90
Inc Gth Acc	61.42	65.68	+0.79	5.59
Do Inc	43.82	46.86	+0.58	5.59
Service Co Acc	72.76	77.85	-0.10	1.98
Do Inc	66.20	74.01	-0.06	1.98
Am Gth Acc	35.27	37.72	+0.53	1.08
Do Inc	34.61	37.00	+0.51	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.23	26.98	-0.16	1.40
Do Inc	24.4	28.1	-0.2	1.40
Managed Port	25.73	27.51e	-0.09	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Pentonville Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	69.32	105.8	+0.80	4.47
Smlr Cos Acc	200.6	214.8e		0.90
Do Inc	120.9	128.4e		1.76
High Inc	51.01	54.88e	+0.37	6.81
Income	97.33	104.1e	+0.30	5.21
Man Port/I Inc	62.10	67.44	+0.16	2.76
Do Acc	151.5	161.3	+0.3	2.26
Nth Amer	80.04	85.24	+1.23	0.20
Orient	102.8	110.6	+1.0	0.38
Recov	32.3	34.4	+0.1	3.43
German	35.09	37.61	-0.20	0.17
Intl Recov	29.87	30.79e	+0.12	0.26
Europe	20.46	22.02e	+0.01	0.51
Conv Genrl	17.27	18.39e	-0.12	10.35
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel: 071-247 4542 Dealing 01-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	54.09	57.55e	+0.20	3.28
Do Acc	59.03	62.80e	+0.22	3.28
Inc Fund 3	173.8	184.9e	+1.1	6.07
Do Acc 3	375.6	399.5e	+2.3	6.07
Inv Port Inc	55.28	57.21	+0.23	2.61
Do Acc	60.46	62.58	+0.26	2.61
Smlr Inc 5	109.9	125.9	+0.5	0.10
Do Acc	125.6	133.7	+0.6	3.02
Hi Inc Pri Inc	48.93	51.74e	+0.15	6.52
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216				
Sht Gt Prd Inc	63.04	63.87		6.40
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel. 061-837 5060				
Envirion	105.5	113.3	+0.4	2.25
UK Growth	118.2	125.8	+0.7	2.65
UK Income	107.3	114.2e	+0.5	5.65
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876				
SE Asia	49.19	52.61e	-0.25	2.16
Growth	39.94	42.72e	+0.14	3.78
Income	48.10	51.44e	+0.03	6.01
Far East	40.58	43.40e	+0.12	0.71
Nth Amer	60.36	64.59e	+1.35	0.01
Global	62.12	66.44	+0.64	1.33
European	59.95	63.05	+0.34	2.54
Japan	98.55	105.4e	+0.10	0.01
Strategic Opp	47.31	50.60	-0.17	2.05
Intl Currency	47.14	49.99e	-0.02	6.88
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel. Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings: 061-236 5socs				
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Am & Gen	95.78	101.8e	+0.44	0.32
Do Acc	101.8	108.4e	+0.47	0.32
European	58.53	59.91	+0.13	1.43
Do Acc	58.18	61.89	+0.14	1.43
F East/Gen	51.71	55.02	+0.26	0.00
Do Acc	51.71	55.02	+0.26	0.00
Glenkiers	225.5	239.9e	+1.3	2.20
Do Acc	246.2	262.0e	+1.5	2.20
Growth	298.5	319.3	+0.3	2.72
Do Acc	465.2	529.7	+0.6	2.72
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Do Acc	407.6	433.9	+1.9	5.11
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Do Acc	111.35	117.71	+0.04	5.57
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3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GU Tel: 071-986 5060 Dealings: 071-955 6055				
Amer Index	152.3	162.5	+1.0	2.09
Capel	461.7	462.7e	+1.9	3.81
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Far East Gth	68.29	73.84	-0.38	1.14
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Income	441.9	471.6e	+2.0	5.49
Intl Gth	63.19	67.43	+0.08	1.27
Jap Gth	223.1	238.1e	+2.4	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	31.71	33.84	+0.19	0.00
Jap Index	68.13	72.71	+0.62	0.31
Amer Gth	300.8	342.3	+1.2	1.59
Sting Maley	32.14	34.30	+0.21	0.00
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UK Index	109.8	117.1	+0.5	3.60
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16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	59.66	63.81	+0.06	1.75
Euro Port	59.66	63.80e	-0.06	0.92
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Pacific Portf	62.02	66.69	-0.02	3.03
Portf	60.02	64.20		1.70
UK Inc/Gth	58.13	60.36e	-0.09	5.45
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	532.9	538.5e	..	5.44
Acc	E19.44	19.71		
Deposit	10.0	..	..	10.25
Fixed Int Inc	115.3	115.5e		10.04
Do Acc	131.8	131.8e		
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5965				
Australia	51.65	54.37e		2.95
Back Int Cp Ac	64.11	65.92e		5.28
Fnar Hse Inc	173.0	183.3		5.22
Fnar Hse Cap	213.3	228.0		2.70
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel Enquiries 081-681 2222 Dealing 081-986 9818				
Am Gth	78.60	83.63	-0.38	1.70
Euro Gth	75.64	80.47e	-0.12	1.06
Far East	73.26	77.94	+0.43	0.69
Gen Port	37.46	39.85	+0.22	2.00
Managed Inc	54.31	57.78	+0.21	5.07
Do Acc	62.35	66.33	+0.23	5.07
Monthly Inc	42.22	44.91e	+0.03	10.05
Smlr Cos Inc	29.32	31.19	-0.09	3.21
Do Acc	31.46	33.47	-0.07	3.21
UK/Gen Inc	62.36	66.34	+0.58	3.97
Do Acc	71.46	76.05	+0.67	3.97
W'wide Bond	50.60	53.83e	-0.05	5.28
Do Acc	60.58	64.45e	-0.02	5.28
W'wide Sp Sits	44.63	47.73	+0.12	1.14
Do accum	46.30	49.52	+0.12	1.14
Quelter Gen Inc	108.1	112.9e	+0.74	1.87
Do Acc	114.1	121.3e	+0.78	1.87
Quelter Inc	88.61	94.48	+0.50	5.66
Do Acc	100.4	106.9	+0.56	5.66
Quelter Intl Inc	105.7	112.5	+0.20	0.05
Do Acc	106.7	113.5	-0.20	0.01
City UK S/S Inc	71.52	76.09	+0.41	4.18
Do Acc	92.31	98.20	+0.52	4.18
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
Finance/Prop	67.86	93.49e	-0.19	3.26
Fixed/Conv	34.32	36.51	+0.11	8.94
Do Acc	60.77	65.93	+0.27	8.94
Equity Inc	129.9	138.2	+0.91	5.52
Do Acc	366.3	411.0	+2.71	5.52
High Yield Inc	105.4	112.2e	+0.50	7.00
Do Acc	367.1	390.5e	+2.04	7.00
Preference Inc	39.92	41.40e	-0.01	10.38
Do Acc	179.7	191.2e	-0.04	10.38
PPT Europe	126.6	134.7	-0.50	0.70
PPT Global	63.33	67.37	-0.01	3.62
PPT Gtd/Com	45.38	48.28	+0.72	2.60
PPT Tha	34.80	38.81	-0.33	0.00
PPT HK	52.04	55.36	-0.42	1.25
PPT Jap	107.5	114.3	+0.30	0.78
PPT Nth Amer	108.2	115.1	+0.92	0.90
PPT Sing/M	68.10	72.45	+0.18	0.00
PPT UK	100.8	107.2	+0.86	1.48
PPT Cash	83.62		+0.01	10.28
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526				
Amer	88.58	94.12	+0.83	1.16
Capri	133.9	142.3	+0.4	2.11
Convertible	22.25	23.65e	+0.04	0.46
Eurofund	32.73	34.56	-0.01	1.16
Exempt Mngd	146.3	151.8e	..	5.49
Growth/Inc	201.8	214.5	+0.5	5.34
High Dist	147.5	156.7	+0.7	7.18
Intl	275.2	292.4	+1.2	1.71
Intl Inc	61.82	65.69e	+0.14	5.99
Pacific	34.79	36.96e	-0.19	1.06
Smlr Jap Cos	65.34	70.49	+0.91	0.00
Tokyo	189.2	194.0	+1.8	0.00
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BRIEFINGS

The Prince of Wales Youth Business Trust has helped set up 11,000 businesses while assisting unemployed or disadvantaged 18 to 25 year olds with grants and loans. Among the businesses, two thirds of which have stayed afloat for 18 months or more, there is also no apparent worsening in performance because of recession. The trust ascribes its success to the way each young person is counselled and their performance is monitored.

☐ The extra cost to small business from legislation planned by the European Community will be discussed at a conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London on October 28. One of the aims is coordinated lobbying to achieve legislation that will benefit employers and employees. The conference has been organised by seven small business support groups and sponsored by the National Westminster Bank. Details: 071-486 0531.

☐ A guidance pack, *Making the Cash Flow*, published by the Department of Employment, underlines the need for effective credit management, especially by small businesses, in a period when there has been a worsening of late payment problems on trading debts. There is a special section giving advice to the small operator on procedures that can be adopted to secure more prompt payment. Free copies of the pack can be ordered by telephoning 0742 597301.

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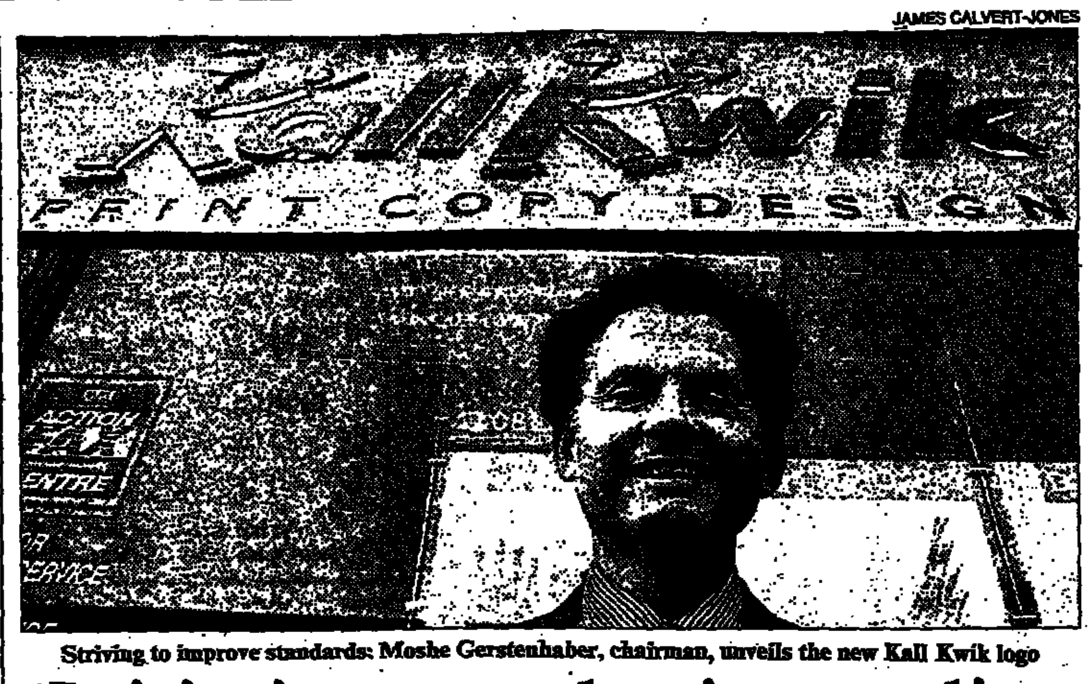

Striving to improve standards: Moshe Gerstenhaber, chairman, unveils the new Kall Kwik logo

Initiatives emphasise quality

TWO developments are pointing the way for small businesses to keep abreast, if not ahead, of the competition, by improving quality and efficiency (Derek Harris writes).

One concerns the spread of the quality standard BS5750 into service industries and to small businesses. British Standards Institution, one of several accrediting bodies, said its service industries registrations had doubled in 12 months.

In franchising, a BS5750 certificate has been won by a printing and copying business in the Northeast, which is part of the Kall Kwik chain. Kall Kwik said it was the first print, copy and design franchise operator to receive such a BS certificate and Kall Kwik was now encouraging all its 200 outlets to apply.

Today, at the opening of the autumn franchise exhibition in London, Moshe Gerstenhaber, the British Franchise Association deputy chairman, will unveil a new logo for Kall Kwik, of which he is chairman. Like the drive to achieve BS5750 standards, the new logo signals expansion by the company, which is one of the top two operators in the high street quick printing sector. Mr Gerstenhaber said: "Setting standards for an industry is the way long term for a business to differentiate itself."

There is also a small business dimension to the announcement earlier this week by the employment department of an investors in people programme, according to Eric Forth, the small businesses minister. The aim is to achieve more successful businesses, so, in key respects, the new initiative mirrors BS5750.Mr Forth said: "There is no reason why the smallest of businesses cannot recognise the importance of developing everybody in a company through training and by giving them a sense of worth within the organisation."

TD Design displays talent for showcases

By RODNEY HOBSON

THERE can be few pleasures in business so great as to set up in opposition to the company that trained you and then made you redundant.

That happy fate befell Darren Haines, who, with Antony David, his partner, established TD Design, which designs, manufactures and supplies quality showcases for smaller retailers.

Both partners had travelled abroad independently, Mr David in South America and Mr Haines in India. When they returned to Basildon, Essex, they knew they could not command London wages there but neither wanted the daily bind of commuting to the City. So, in October 1989, Mr Haines went to a JobCentre, which introduced him to Instant Muscle, a charity specialising in helping small businesses get started.

Instant Muscle put the partners in touch with other organisations and helped them find a workshop. The charity also helped them to buy an old Post Office van to deliver the showcases they started to make using Mr Haines' skills, acquired while working for the company they now regard as their greatest business rival.

Mr David said: "With our showcases, the aim is to give smaller retailers similar interiors to those in the big chain stores. Small shops often cannot buy from larger interior suppliers.

"People are surprised that such a small company as ours makes such a high-quality system. It is not a cheap system."

Among the organisations that Instant Muscle provided contact with was the Prince's Trust, set up by the Prince of Wales to help young people in business.

Mr David said: "My partner and I were in the office every day except Christmas Day for a year. We tried as hard as possible but we wouldn't have got anywhere without the Prince's Trust giving a helping hand."

An important breakthrough came at an exhibition organised by the Trust in Hyde Park. TD Design was one of 250 businesses selected to show to the London market. Although Prince Charles was unable to attend, the attendance was good. This was followed by an interior design exhibition in Manchester.

TD Design has received a £1,500 grant and a three-year loan at about 3 per cent interest from the Trust, which has a representative in Basildon available for advice. The charities that helped the company also supply details of competitions for enterprising small businesses. Mr David has been on a business course in the Lake District as a prize won in an Essex compeition.

There is a spirit of camaraderie among young enterprises in Basildon. TD Design, which is one year old, trades information and business with its neighbours. The company buys its supplies from other small, local businesses where possible. After all, Mr David and Mr Haines know what a struggle it can be starting up.

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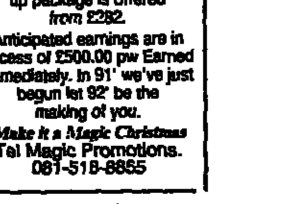
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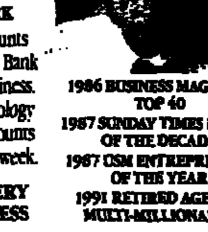

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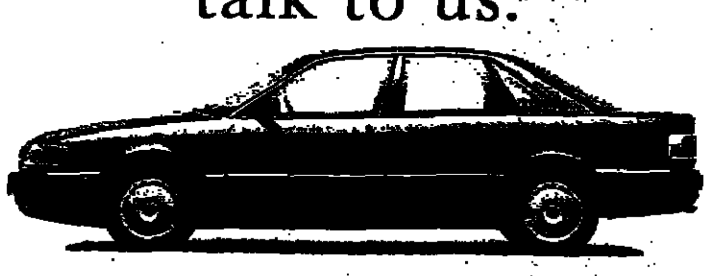

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Letting the cat out of the bag

Kevin Eason asks why a life-saver fitted as standard to British cars made for the United States is left out of UK models

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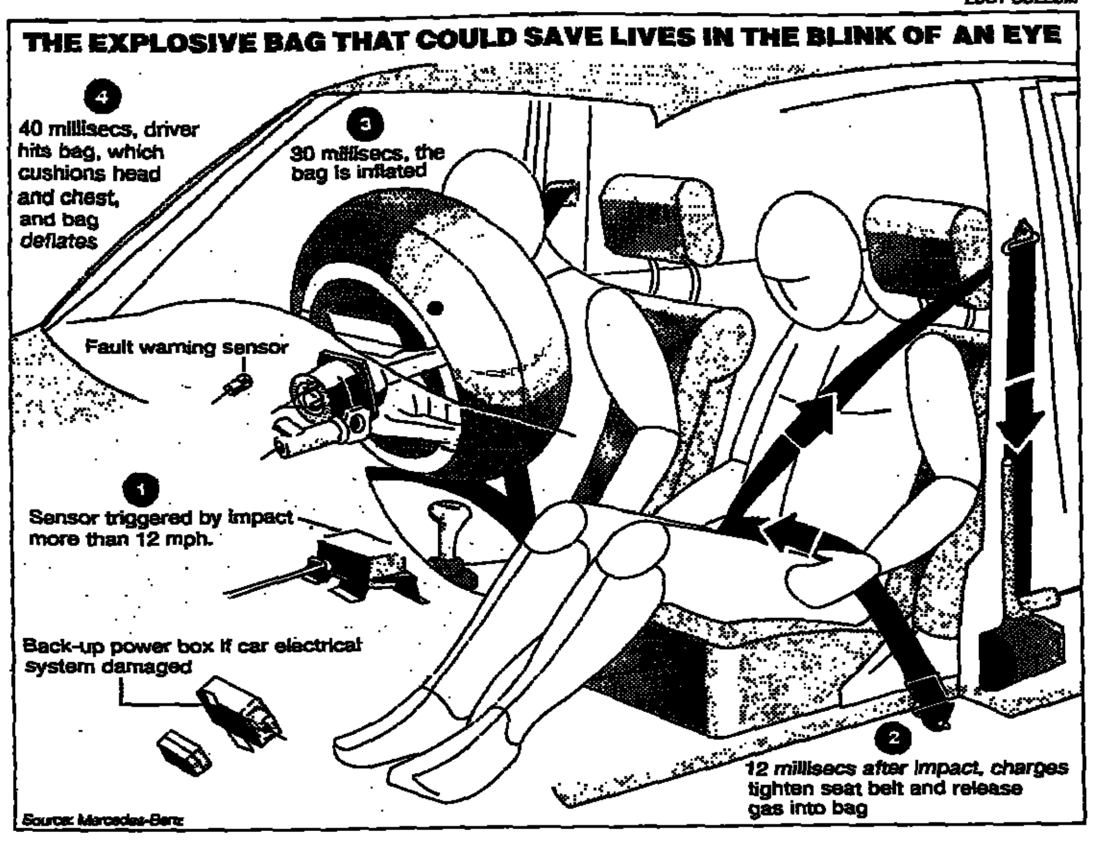

A piece of life-saving equipment is fitted to British cars sold in the United States, but not to the same models sold in Britain. European makers also fit the equipment, airbags, as standard on cars for sale in the US, but not to those on sale in Britain.

Although Britain's road accident record is among the best in the world, the statistics belie the way in which government and manufacturers drag their feet in introducing safety measures. Airbags, which inflate on impact to protect the driver and passenger from potentially fatal head and chest injuries, are becoming the most popular accident prevention equipment in the US.

American federal legislation requires automatic safety equipment but allows the makers to choose between belts and airbags. Most are opting for airbags, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 8.6 million cars will have them by next year.

Tests showed that up to 40 per cent of deaths of drivers in car crashes could be prevented by an airbag alone. If airbags are used in conjunction with shoulder and lap belts, the chances increase to 55 per cent. The evidence was convincing enough to persuade Mercedes-Benz to pioneer development of airbags and decided this week to make the equipment standard on 11 models, including the new S-class cars and the 300SL-24, 300, 500SL and 500E.

The company is cutting the price of airbags as an option by almost half to encourage take-up on other models. The prices for a driver-side airbag are down from £1,433 to £750 and for the passenger side from £2,500 to £1,500.

The company was the first to develop airbags from technology used in the Nasa space programme. Mercedes spent £9 million and went through more than 300,000 miles of testing to prove the system could work in cars.

In most crashes, the driver is held by the seat belt but the head and chest catapult into the steering wheel. Manufacturers are experimenting with softer steering wheels but they would need to be jelly-soft to guarantee safety.

In a Mercedes, sensors are tuned to trigger the bag at an impact equivalent to the car hitting a wall at 12mph. In 12 milliseconds, tiny explosive charges tighten the seat belt and release gas, mainly nitrogen, into the tear-resistant bag in the steering column hub. In 30 milliseconds, the 170-litre bag is inflated, cushioning the driver's forward movement. In 40 milliseconds, the time it takes to blink, the driver hits the bag, which then starts to deflate in case he needs to regain control of the car.

Similar systems are fitted as standard to models from Jaguar, Volvo, BMW and many other companies for sale in the US. Why not in Britain? Honda has one car available, the new Legend, with a standard airbag, but that is all. Volvo offers the airbag on all of its cars in Britain, but only as a £730 option. For most drivers choosing other cars there is no option.

The industry trots out the same well-worn excuse of cost as the reason for not introducing them. Cost has hindered the introduction of everything from better security locks to the catalytic converter.

Cost has not stopped the fitting of airbags in the US, where not only are cars cheaper anyway but manufacturers, particularly in the luxury sector, are cutting one another's throats to make sales. Airbags are available even on the smallest cars on the market.

Perhaps Britain can learn from the US, where customer pressure has hastened the introduction of airbags.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Motor mini-museum: Oliver Woolston lines up his knockdown Trabants, costing £1,000 all in

On the Trabbie trail

THE cynical could suggest that the collective name for a group of four Trabants is a breakdown. Oliver Woolston would disagree strongly, having driven every one of his quartet of Trabbies back from Germany to his Hertfordshire farm, *Kevin Eason writes.*

He admits the experience was uncomfortable, thanks to the back-breaking, deckchair-like seats, primitive suspension and rattling two-stroke engine. However, he made the journeys so that he could own every one of the four models produced by the Zwickau factory in eastern Germany. He has one of the Fifties cars, an estate, the military version and a late model quaintly badged as a limousine, although, he says, the interior is more like a cheap runabout of 40 years ago.

Although the plastic-bodied Trabant has become a cult, the former East Germans could not get rid of their cars fast enough after reunification. As a result, Mr Woolston bought all four for less than £1,000, including £60 for the 1959 model, an early example of the soon-to-be-infamous genre with a 500cc engine managing only 19 brake horsepower and fitted with cross-ply tyres.

Mr Woolston intends to keep the Trabbies as his small piece of motoring history. He does drive them — but not often because they are so uncomfortable.

ROADWISE

The Times phone probe triggers talks

THE first stage in drawing up a code of practice for telephone canvassing companies that offer to sell second-hand cars through a computer register takes place today. The meeting between trading standards officials and executives of one of Britain's biggest computer canvassing companies has resulted from an article in last week's *Times* motoring section, which revealed that scores of complaints about unfair practice had been received by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

The article reported that motorists trying to sell their cars received unwanted bills of up to £75 from companies offering to put the vehicle on a computer register. One of the main complaints was that motorists were committed to a contract over the telephone and invoiced whether their car was sold through the register or not. The Automobile Association was inundated with calls after the *Times* investigation.

Two of the largest companies, Cardata and Car Search 2000, called for a code of practice to drive out "cowboy" operators. Car Search 2000 has also brought in a three-day cooling-off period from the date of invoice so that motorists can withdraw.

Robert Cartwright, the managing director of Car Search 2000, is taking proposals for an industry code to trading standards officers for Clwyd today. He is also sending the proposals to the OFT.

Mr Cartwright wants the cooling-off period to be mandatory, companies to say where they are advertising the customer's car, and a flat pricing structure to end the practice of doubling the cost if the invoice has not been paid within seven days.

Drivers smooth-talked into deals

Exposed: last week's article alerted motorists to canvassers

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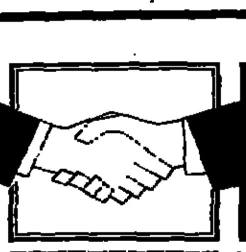

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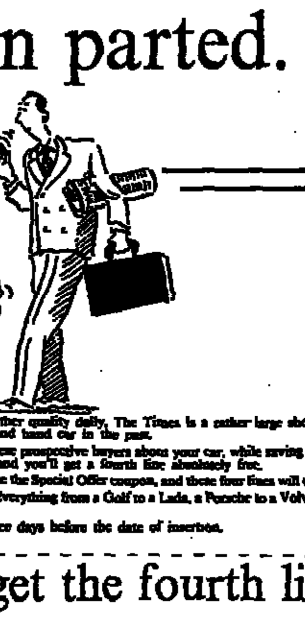

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Soviet break-up may pose problem to Games

IOC urged to give national bodies a say in quota debate

From DAVID MILLER IN SYDNEY

DOCTOR Jacques Rogge, the newly-elected International Olympic Committee (IOC) member for Belgium, yesterday dropped a new figure into the complex financial equation of the Olympic Games.

The collective contribution of 175 national Olympic committees (NOCs) to each Games, Rogge estimates, is $150 million, divided equally between sending their teams and preparing them at qualifying events. This compares poorly, he suggests, with the small subsidy granted by the IOC.

Rogge is one of an increasing number of IOC members wearing two hats, for he is also the president of the Belgian NOC and of the Association of European NOCs. He is disturbed that international sports federations are likely to set standards on qualification and quotas for reduction of the Olympic programme, and that NOCs will be left outside the debate.

A bush fire was alight here even before the annual congress of the General Assembly of International Sports Federations had begun, following last week's purported statement from the IOC on the elimination of several sports such as equestrianism and yachting, which is Rogge's own sport, from the Olympic programme. The story arose from an agency report of an interview with Rogge, including a stray comment, not by him, on specifically threatened sports.

In yesterday's seminar here, Rogge said that European NOCs were in favour of quotas to restrain growth, but they consider that qualifying places should be allocated to an NOC, flexibly dependant on individual form and fitness, as in shooting, rather than to specific competitors, as in boxing. Quotas should be on the number of events per sport as well as on competitors, he said.

This threw a swimming representative, speaking from the floor, into a frenzy: event programmes must be the same as for world championships, he shrilled. This nicely demonstrated the agonies that lie ahead as each sport defends its catch; swimming, for instance, failing to see the absurdity of someone winning five Olympic gold medals.

Rogge pointed to some of the many anomalies that exist, including, for example, the 128 entries from mass-sport tennis, with four times as many competitors for, say, shooting and yachting. He also spoke of the the problem that may be caused if the Soviet Union divides into many republics, creating new NOCs. Because of the individual strength of those republics, Europe could provide 75 per cent of the competitors in some Olympic sports.

Tay Wilson, the IOC member from New Zealand, representing, as secretary of Oceania NOCs the small Pacific islands, said: "The aspirations of every NOC should not be denied." The IOC has a colossal problem on hand, though the programme cannot now be changed before 2000.

"Unpopular measures will have to be taken," Rogge warned. Denis Oswald, the president of the International Rowing Federation and the IOC member for Switzerland, revealed the extent to which the IOC is compounding its problem when he said that ways should be found for including new sports *without* eliminating some of the traditional sports at present expected to be excluded by 2000.

Oswald seemed to think that this optimum condition could be achieved by setting a fixed number of participants per sport, and that quotas should be determined by continent as well as by country. Yet Oswald's stance is untypical of federation presidents. One of the difficulties in determining a new Olympic programme is that federations tend to be looking for quality and NOCs for participation under the ethos of "taking part". A solution ought to be the focus of the Olympic Congress that is to take place in Paris in 1994.

South Africa appeal

Sydney — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday appealed to world sports bodies to help South Africa's return to the international arena following its readmission to the Olympic movement in July.

"We know that South Africa still has many, many problems. We hope that you will all help," the IOC director-general, Francois Carrard, told the general assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF) meeting here yesterday. South Africa's Olympics chief, Sam Ramsamy, said that sports bodies that had not unified might be barred from competing in Barcelona. The republic's Olympics committee is to decide on November 3 whether it will participate in Spain.

The general assembly was told that the international war against drug use in sport was far from over, despite more rigorous testing and a decline in the number of athletes found to have used drugs.

"The anti-doping movement remains one of our main preoccupations," Un Yong Kim, of South Korea, the president of the GAISF, said in his opening address. *(Reuter)*

Richardson overcomes injury to inspire West Indies to one-day victory

TED DITCHBURN

Common cause: Paul Parker, left, discusses the challenge ahead with Wayne Larkins at Houghton-le-Spring indoor cricket centre, where Durham yesterday introduced their first county championship side

Waugh twins tune up for cup

OVERSEAS CRICKET
by SIMON WILDE

STEVE and Mark Waugh have demonstrated again what a formidable force they may be when Australia defend the World Cup early next year. The twin brothers, playing for New South Wales on Monday, flayed the Victoria attack in a 240-run partnership to put their state in Saturday's semi-finals of the FAI Cup, Australia's domestic limited-overs competition.

After coming together at nine for two, Steve scored 126 and Mark 112 as New South Wales finished with 310 for five from 50 overs. The pair, who last winter created a world fifth-wicket record stand of 464 during a Sheffield Shield match, then took two wickets each as Victoria limped to 210 for eight.

Steve Waugh, who has recently struggled to retain a Test place, has now scored four centuries in a month, having enjoyed a prolific tour of Zimbabwe with Australia's B team.

At the weekend, Tom Moody began the season well with 69 off 87 balls as Western Australia beat Tasmania, but Greg Ritchie failed on his first appearance for Queensland since coming out of retirement.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) has lifted the restriction on provincial teams signing new overseas professionals to play and coach, even though the International Cricket Council's penalties for such contact remain in force. The provinces, limited to fielding one overseas player at a time, have rushed to take advantage of their new freedom, with West Indians being their main targets.

Franklyn Stephenson is to play for Orange Free State, Ezra Moseley for Northern Transvaal, and Eldine Baptiste for Eastern Province, who have lost the services of their two Australian bowlers, McCurdy and Maguire. McCurdy, after differences with Kepler Wessels, the Eastern Province captain, has moved to Natal. Border, who will be playing in the Currie Cup for the first time, have signed Bruce Roberts, the former Derbyshire all-rounder, who will be registered as an England-qualified player.

The two strongest teams, Western Province, the Currie Cup holders, and Transvaal, have not signed any foreigners. Transvaal have more than compensated for Steve Smith's return to Australia, where a more lenient attitude is being taken to South African rebels, by the acquisition of Daryll Cullinan, from Western Province.

Eddie Barlow, who recently left as Gloucestershire's chief coach with a year of his contract to run, for "personal and business reasons", has taken up the same post at Orange Free State.

The UCBSA has also named five grounds — in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Port Elizabeth and Verwoerdburg — as available to host Test matches, which are expected to be played in South Africa next winter. Only Centurion Park, Verwoerdburg, has not staged a Test.

In Delhi, in the Super Wills Cup match between the limited-overs champions of India and Pakistan, the Wills XI beat Habib Bank by two wickets, with three balls to spare. Leading scorer for the winners, with 89, was Vinod Kambli, who, in a Bombay schools match three years ago, shared a stand with Sachin Tendulkar of 644, the highest on record.

Pakistan denied by brave century

Sharjah — Richie Richardson inspired West Indies to a thrilling one-wicket victory over Pakistan here yesterday with a brave century in the opening match of the Wills Trophy tournament. Richardson, captaining the team for the first time, was handicapped by cramp for most of his innings and had to make use of a runner, but still struck a masterly unbeaten 106 as West Indies overhauled Pakistan's modest 215 all out with 15 balls to spare.

He also defied injury after being struck four times by Waqar Younis in the bowler's fiery opening spell, which brought him two wickets.

Waqar should have won the match for Pakistan, but he dropped Richardson off his own bowling when he was on 99. Earlier, he had shattered the same batsman's stumps off a no-ball. Richardson's gallant effort earned him the man-of-the-match award. He struck ten fours and faced 141 balls, receiving good support from Ian Bishop for a ninth-wicket stand that realised 45 invaluable runs.

Waqar finished with figures of four for 48 while Imran Khan, bowling gentle medium pacers, conceded only 38 runs in his ten overs and took two wickets. The two Pakistan players to bat with any confidence were Ramiz Raja, who scored 49, and Javed Miandad (47). *(Reuter)*

PAKISTAN

Ramiz Raja c Logie b Patterson	49
Saqid Ali c Dujon b Ambrose	11
Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Hooper	9
Salim Malik b Hooper	1
Javed Miandad b Simmons	47
*Imran Khan c Logie b Patterson	11
Wasim Akram run out	16
†Moin Khan c Hooper b Bishop	18
Mushtaq Ahmed lbw b Ambrose	4
Waqar Younis b Bishop	9
Aqib Javed not out	1
Extras (lb 15, w 17, nb 7)	39
Total (48.3 overs)	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-53, 3-58, 4-132, 5-150, 6-171, 7-185, 8-198, 9-212.

BOWLING: Ambrose 9-1-33-2, Bishop 9.3-0-40-2; Patterson 10-0-48-2; Hooper 10-0-33-2, Benjamin 9-0-38-0; Simmons 1-0-8-1.

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons run out	14
C B Lambert c Moin b Wasim	0
*R B Richardson not out	106
B C Lara c Moin b Waqar	5
A L Logie c Moin b Waqar	11
C L Hooper run out	23
†P J L Dujon c Moin b Imran	15
W K M Benjamin lbw b Waqar	1
C E L Ambrose lbw b Imran	1
I R Bishop lbw b Waqar	19
B P Patterson not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 8, nb 5)	21
Total (9 wkts, 47.3 overs)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-38, 3-49, 4-70, 5-121, 6-152, 7-157, 8-158, 9-203.

BOWLING: Wasim 8.3-1-37-1; Aqib 10-2-32-0; Waqar 9-0-48-4; Mushtaq 10-0-54-0; Imran 10-0-38-2.

Umpires: W A V Wickramasinghe and B C Cooray.

House of Lords — Law Report October 18 1991

Consensual service of writ valid

Kenneth Allison Ltd and Others v A. E. Limehouse & Co

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Templeman, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lord Lowry

[Speeches October 17]

Nothing in the Rules of the Supreme Court prohibited agreement by the parties on a mode of service outside the provisions of Order 10.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Kenneth Allison Ltd (in liquidation), Kenneth Allison, Gerald Caley, Euphemia Margaret Allison and Sonia Kay Caley, from the Court of Appeal (*The Times*, May 22, 1990; [1990] 2 QB 527), who by a majority (Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Farquharson, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, dissenting) had dismissed their appeal from Mr Justice McCullough.

The judge had allowed an appeal by the defendants, A. E. Limehouse & Co, a firm, from Mr District Registrar Rutherford at King's Lynn, who had dismissed the defendants' summons to set aside service of the plaintiffs' writ.

Order 10, rule 1 provides: "(1) A writ must be served personally on each defendant by the plaintiff or his agent."

Order 65, rule 2 provides: "Personal service of a document is effected by leaving a copy of the document with the person to be served."

Order 81, rule 3 provides: "(1) Where . . . partners are sued in the name of a firm the writ may . . . be served — (a) on any one or more of the partners. . ."

Mr Philip Vallance, QC, for the plaintiffs; Mr Dominic Dowley for the defendants.

LORD BRIDGE said that the defendants were chartered accountants. On October 5, 1987, the plaintiffs had issued a writ against them claiming damages for negligence in carrying out an audit in or about November 1971.

On October 4, 1988, the last day of the currency of the writ, a Mr Swann, on the instructions of the plaintiffs' solicitors, had attended at the defendants' offices to serve the writ.

The receptionist had called Mrs Morgan, the senior partner's personal assistant, Mr Swann had showed Mrs Morgan the writ. She had told him that she would have to refer the matter to a partner before the writ could be accepted.

She had left Mr Swann in the reception area and gone to speak to Mr Hall, a partner. He had told her that she might accept the writ.

She had then returned to the reception area, told Mr Swann that she had been authorised to accept the writ and received from him a sealed copy of the writ and a form of acknowledgment of service.

His Lordship could not accept Mr Vallance's first submission that the writ had been served personally on Mr Hall. There was abundant authority for the proposition that personal service required that the document be handed to the person to be served or, if he would not accept it, that he be told what it contained and it be left with or near him.

It followed that the plaintiffs could not rely on any provision in the Rules of the Supreme Court to validate the service and had to rely on Mr Hall's express authorisation of Mrs Morgan to accept service on his behalf, communicated to and acted on by Mr Swann when he had handed the writ to Mrs Morgan.

Did the rules operate to prevent such an *ad hoc* agreement having effect?

That question was not free of authority, but the relevant decisions had been made in relation to the Rules of the Supreme Court 1883.

In *Montgomery, Jones & Co v Liebenthal & Co* ([1898] 1 QB 487, 494) Lord Justice Collins had said: ". . . the parties have put into operation the machinery as to service which they themselves have provided, and now when that machinery has been put into operation the defendants ask the court to treat that agreement as non-existent, and to set aside the service. I do not think we can do that. There is no prohibition, express or implied, in the rules against their coming to such an arrangement."

Mr Dowley accepted that that case had been rightly decided but submitted that the principle of the decision had to be limited in its application to cases where an agreement as to mode of service was embodied in a wider contract and provided for the institution of proceedings relating to that contract.

It did not apply, he submitted, to an *ad hoc* agreement made in relation to other contemplated proceedings that simply provided how service of the writ in those proceedings was to be effected.

His Lordship could see no good reason in principle for making that distinction. Nor did he see any difficulty in holding that the kind of *ad hoc* agreement in question was legally effective.

If one party, knowing that another wished to serve process on him, requested or authorised the other to do so in a particular way that was outside the rules and the other did so, then, unless the rules themselves prohibited consensual service, the party so served could not be heard to say that the service had not been valid.

Thus, his Lordship had no doubt that, if the present circumstances had come before the court in 1898, the validity of the service would have been affirmed.

The crucial question was whether subsequent changes in the Rules of the Supreme Court had introduced just such a prohibition of consensual service outside the rules as had been unsuccessfully contended for in *Montgomery*.

The only relevant alteration to the 1883 rules before the comprehensive revision in 1962 and 1965 had been by the addition to Order XI in 1920 of a new rule 2A.

The evident purpose of that addition had been to overrule *British Wagon Co Ltd v Gray* ([1896] 1 QB 35). It had been both a formal adoption and an extended application for a limited purpose of the principle in *Montgomery*.

Both the 1962 and the 1965 versions of the new Order 10, rule 3 embodied a more general adoption and formalisation of the principles applied in *Montgomery* giving effect to contractual arrangements for service of process that had been embodied in contracts to be sued on.

The crucial question was whether the embodiment in the rules of an express provision for consensual service, in the contractual cases to which Order 10, rule 3 applied, operated, as Mr Dowley submitted, as an exclusion of consensual service in any other case.

In the light of the legislative history, his Lordship was satisfied that it did not.

Was a prohibition of consensual service to be spelled out of any other provision of the 1965 rules?

The majority of the Court of Appeal had regarded the requirement of Order 10, rule 1(1) that a writ had to be served personally on each defendant as mandatory and subject only to the exceptions provided in the rules themselves.

His Lordship, however, did not regard the substitution of the words "must be served personally" for the language of Order IX, rule 2 of the 1883 rules, "shall . . . be served in the manner in which personal service is now made", as sufficient to indicate an intention to introduce the prohibition of consensual service that the Court of Appeal in *Montgomery* had failed to find in the 1883 rules.

Nor was Order 10, rule 1(4) any more apt to indicate a prohibition of consensual service.

It was said that it was necessary to require strict adherence to the rules to achieve certainty with respect to the date of service.

His Lordship saw no reason why it should be more difficult to establish the date when consensual service had been effected by whatever method the parties might have chosen for their own convenience than to do so when the defendant had been served personally.

The Master of the Rolls ([1990] 2 QB 527, 533-534) had summed the matter up in words with which his Lordship entirely agreed and on which he could not hope to improve:

"The rules are the servants of the courts and of their customers, not their masters, unless expressed in a wholly mandatory and exclusive fashion which these rules are not. It would be wholly contrary to the spirit of the times that the rules should be construed in such a manner which would forbid parties to litigation to act reasonably with a view to eliminating or reducing the acerbities inevitable in litigation, when to do so creates no problems whatsoever for the defendant in terms of deciding precisely when service was effected for the purposes of the Limitation Acts or otherwise."

Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey and Lord Lowry agreed with Lord Bridge.

LORD GOFF, concurring in the result, said that it seemed to him that effect had to be given to the rules of court in accordance with their terms.

Here, the rules did indeed provide a comprehensive code, with a mandatory rule of personal service subject to certain specified exceptions. Such service alone constituted good and effective service for the purpose of the rules.

His Lordship felt unable to accept earlier authority in so far as it suggested that any different form of service, for example such service in accordance with an agreement between the parties, otherwise than as permitted by the rules, could constitute good and effective service.

Even so, what had passed between the parties might have the effect that one party might be estopped from asserting as against the other that such service was ineffective.

There had been no contract between the parties to the effect that service on Mrs Morgan as agent for the defendants, or of Mr Hall, should be treated as good and effective service on the defendants, nor had there been any representation to that effect sufficient to give rise to a promissory estoppel.

Both Mr Hall and the plaintiffs through Mr Swann, however, had proceeded on the common but mistaken assumption that service of the writ on Mr Hall's duly authorised agent would constitute good and effective service on the defendants.

Furthermore, it was legitimate to infer that Mr Swann's course of action had been influenced by the adoption by both parties of that common mistaken assumption.

Accordingly, the defendants were estopped by convention from contending that there had not been good and effective service of the writ on them, on the principle in *Amalgamated Investment & Property Co Ltd v Texas Commerce International Bank Ltd* ([1982] QB 84): see, in particular, *per* Lord Justice Brandon (at pp130-131).

Solicitors: Gregory, Rowcliffe & Milners; Pinsent & Co for Pinsent & Co, Birmingham.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Council redundancy pay unlawful

Allsop v North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

[Judgment October 16]

A local authority acted unlawfully when it made redundancy payments which were for amounts in excess of those it was either specifically liable for or empowered to make.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held granting the applicant, David Allsop, district auditor, a declaration that items in North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council's accounts for the financial year 1990/1991 attributable to the making of enhanced severance payments were contrary to law and ordering that there should be rectification of those accounts.

Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides: "(1) . . . subject to the provisions of this Act and any other enactment . . . a local authority shall have power to do anything . . . which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions."

Mr John Howell for the auditor; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Mark Lowe for the council.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the council's enhanced voluntary severance scheme provided for payments to be made to those who volunteered for redundancy.

Those payments were substantially in excess of those which the council was liable for under section 81 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 or specifically empowered to make under the Local Government Superannuation Regulations (SI 1986 No 24), the Local Government (Compensation for Premature Retirement) Regulations (SI 1982 No 1009) and the Local Government (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) Regulations (SI 1984 No 740).

The auditor argued that the council had no power to make such payments or that if the council had such a power it had exercised it for the improper purpose of seeking to maintain its policy of no compulsory redundancies.

The auditor relied upon the words of section 111(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, "subject to the provisions of this Act and any other enactment". He argued that whatever might be the functions of the council its powers were subject to the provisions of "any other enactment".

Thus while the council could seek volunteers for redundancy and pay such volunteers more than it was obliged to pay on compulsory redundancy, the only additional payments which could lawfully be made were those prescribed by the secretary of state in delegated legislation made under section 7 and section 24 of the Superannuation Act 1972.

The auditor further argued that in order for a council to have a power to make payments in excess of those it was already empowered to make, an express power had to be shown and neither section 111(1) nor section 112 conferred any such power.

The council argued that the power to make enhanced payments was incidental to the discharge of the council's functions within section 111(1) and/or section 112 of the Local Government Act 1972. The scheme was valid because it was incidental to the functions of making and terminating contracts of employment, the delivery of services and the maintenance of good industrial relationships.

The council argued that the scheme was not *ultra vires* unless it was prohibited either expressly or by necessary implication.

Further, the powers conferred upon the council under section 111 were not subject to the delegated legislation because that could not be described as an "enactment".

In the court's view the relevant words in section 111(1) included a reference to the delegated legislation and accordingly the delegated legislation must inevitably restrict the powers of the council.

Since the powers in sections 111 and 112 were subject to the limitations imposed by the regulations, such powers as there might be to make payments under the regulations must be restricted to the confines of the powers under those regulations.

Since Parliament had laid down under section 7 and section 24 of the Superannuation Act 1972 the particular method for bringing into existence the power to make provisions outside section 81 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 no other method could be adopted.

The court accepted that it was the function of the council to maintain good staff relationships, to avoid industrial strife, to provide services and to dismiss staff. But the court did not accept that section 111(1) or section 112 empowered a local authority to pay money under an enhanced voluntary redundancy scheme to promote those ends.

Moreover, the facts did not justify the conclusion that the council made the payments pursuant to those functions. In the court's view the scheme was no more than a device to promote the council's policy of avoiding compulsory redundancies.

Solicitors: A. A. Child; Mr E. D. Nixon, North Shields.

Uniform approach desirable

St Basil's Centre Ltd v McCrosson

When dismissing an appeal by an employer from an industrial tribunal decision that it had jurisdiction to hear a complaint of unfair dismissal presented one day out of time, the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Wood, Mr R. Phipps and Mr S. Springer) drew attention on September 5 to the need for a uniformity of approach by industrial tribunals to the problem of time limits and posting.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that it would be reasonable for tribunals to look for guidance on what was a reasonable expectation for delivery of post in *Practice Direction (QBD: Postal Service)* ([1985] 1 WLR 489) (see also Note 65/5/5 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1991*), paragraph 2 of which provided that subject to proof to the contrary, it would be taken that delivery in the ordinary course of post was effected in the case of first class mail on the second working day after posting and in the case of second class mail, on the fourth working day after posting.

Varying sentences upwards

Regina v Evans (Kelvin)

Where a judge, having decided on the appropriate sentences for individual offences, had imposed shorter sentences in order that their totality should not be excessive, he could, on discovering that one of the sentences was in excess of his sentencing powers, exercise his power under section 47(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 to vary the other sentences by increasing them to the level which he had initially considered appropriate.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Buckley) so held on October 10, dismissing an appeal by Kelvin Evans from consecutive sentences of 12 months for burglary, 18 months for reckless driving, and six months for various other motoring offences on which he had been committed for sentence by justices under section 56 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967.

MR JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that it would be wrong in principle for a judge, having determined the appropriate length of sentence for an offence, subsequently to increase it beyond that length in order to make up for what he considered to be a deficiency in his sentencing powers on another offence.

That was not what had happened in this case. The judge had made it clear that the nine and 12-month sentences which he had initially imposed for the burglary and reckless driving respectively were less than they would otherwise have been because of the need to prevent the total of the sentences being excessive.

When it had been pointed out that the sentence for the offences on which the defendant had been committed for sentence exceeded the six months permitted, the judge had readjusted the other sentences to the level which he had originally thought correct. The total sentence of three years was appropriate and the defendant could have no legitimate sense of grievance.

Immigrant's intention

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Dordas

A Filipino who had entered the United Kingdom as the servant of a Kuwaiti family with the intention of escaping from them as soon as a chance arose was not an illegal entrant by deception as she had not made or been asked to make any representations about her intentions either when the visa was granted or on arrival at Heathrow.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 3 in allowing an application by Annabelle Dordas for judicial review to quash a decision of an immigration officer that she was an illegal entrant.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the applicant had taken very little part in the preparations for coming to the UK, as one would expect of someone in her position. She had signed her entry clearance form in blank and it had been filled in later on her behalf.

Although she had known in general terms that the trip was to be for a period of only a few months it was unrealistic to say that in the circumstances she had had a duty to speak out and that her failure to do so amounted to a false representation.

Given the applicant's peculiar circumstances it was unrealistic to say she had made representations or been in a position to do so.

Great Palm to console Cole team

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

THE disappointment felt at Whatcombe by the failure of Generous to win the Arc and then his subsequent retirement earlier this week will be partially offset if his younger stable companion Great Palm wins the Three Chimneys Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket today, as well he may.

While Generous sprang a surprise in the same race last year by winning at 50-1, a victory for the unbeaten Great Palm would not be a bolt from the blue.

Confidence in his ability to beat the likes of Dr Devious, Pursuit Of Love, Young Senor and Zaahi can be measured by the decision to rely upon him instead of Magic Ring, even after the subsequent winner of last Saturday's Cornwallis Stakes had been entered for today's race at the late and expensive supplementary stage.

Great Palm has raced just the once, in the Convivial Stakes at York in August, which he won with a considerable degree of aplomb. In the meantime Wesaam, the horse he beat that day, has won and been second.

As for Great Palm, he has clearly delighted trainer Paul Cole as his preparation for today's examination has gained momentum.

It is almost impossible to split Young Senor and Dr Devious on their running at the last Newmarket meeting.

On that occasion only a head divided them as they hurtled towards the line at the end of the Tattersalls Tiffany Highflyer Stakes, run over today's distance.

The following day, Pursuit Of Love was an impressive winner of a maiden race, run over the same course and distance but in a fractionally slower time.

Like Great Palm, Zaahi enters the fray having won his only race with the reputation of being Tom Jones's best two-year-old colt. While there was certainly much to admire about the way that he stormed home at Sandown, I still prefer Great Palm.

After impressing at Salisbury first time, Thourios was a huge disappointment at Goodwood where he was backed down to favouritism to beat Dr Devious. Now he is out to redeem himself.

No matter how they fare in the main race with Zaahi, Tom Jones and Richard Hills can leave the course content with having won the group three Rockfel Stakes for Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum with Mathaayl.

On her debut at Ascot this daughter of Shadeed was beaten only half-a-length by the more experienced Misterioso, who has subsequently injected considerable substance into that form by beating the consistent Prince Ferdinand at York last Saturday.

While obviously respecting the claims of Musicale who is unbeaten, I feel that she could find the task of conceding 3lb to Mathaayl beyond her.

Mystery Play is dropped in distance after being promoted to second place in the Brent Walker Fillies' Mile at Ascot.

As far as the Baring International Darley Stakes is concerned, it should pay to follow **Susurration** from John Gosden's peak-form stable.

She looked desperately unlucky not to win a group three race at Goodwood a fortnight ago.

Today's meeting can begin with Green Desert's younger sister **Yousefia** winning the EBF Travis Perkins Maiden Stakes following that promising run in fifth place behind Skimble 13 days ago.

Satin Lover, who has won his last two races by a combined total of 17 lengths, is now napped to win the Park Paddocks Handicap and thus complete a treble since joining Reg Akehurst's successful Epsom stable.

At Catterick, **Mountain Ash** (2.45) can draw further attention to the chance that Peerage Prince has of winning the Tattersalls Nursery at Newmarket. Only a short head divided them at Lingfield last time.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK BRIDGE: 4.30 Gold Circle, Blushing Opal.

Selkirk out for season after straining joint

By RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

SELKIRK, arguably Europe's top miler following his victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, will miss the Breeders' Cup Mile due to injury.

A minor strain to a near fore joint, almost certainly incurred during a spin on the Kingsclere gallops on Wednesday, came to light after the horse travelled to Newmarket for yesterday's Challenge Stakes.

Ian Balding withdrew the Sharpen Up colt after discovering the setback before the race. "It has been diagnosed as not being a serious injury. He will have four to five days being box rested before being allowed to walk, so he is definitely finished for the season.

"He stays in training next season so we can always have a go for the Breeders' Cup then."

The setback will be a severe disappointment for George Strawbridge, the colt's American owner, who had flown over from Pennsylvania after missing the Ascot triumph.

Selkirk's absence did not prevent the Challenge Stakes from being a thrilling contest as Mystiko returned to the form which saw him win the 2,000 Guineas in May.

Clive Brittain's trail-blazer made all the running and had his six rivals hard at work two furlongs from home, before running out a comfortably two-length winner from Only Yours.

"I knew he was back to his best. He has been more relaxed in his work. He has been working like he was in the spring and on that form I could not see him being beaten," the trainer said.

After winning the Ladbroke European Free Handicap and the 2,000 Guineas, Mystiko was aimed for the Derby. Asked if that had been a mistake, Brittain came up with a memorable quote. "When you make a decision it is not a mistake. A man who never made a decision never made anything."

Mystiko will not travel to Churchill Downs for the Breeders' Cup but stays in training next year together with Terimon.

Brittain: coaxed Mystiko back to winning form

"He is finished for the season now. We have got a cracking horse from six furlongs to a mile for next year and can always go to the Breeders' Cup then."

With the wind blowing faster than any horse could run, it was no surprise that the seven-furlong course record was lowered by Mystiko.

The record time for seven furlongs on the Rowley course lasted only 30 minutes as Perfolia adopted Mystiko's tactics by making all the running in the Jeyes Handicap. John Gosden's fast improving filly had been put up 20lb in the weights by the handicapper following two victories and only just held on from the fast-finishing Smiling Sun.

"The handicapper has got us now, I fear. We won't venture forth in handicaps anymore, but will find somewhere else to go," said the trainer.

Luca Cumani expressed the hope that the wind, which whistled down the Newmarket straight, will blow just as hard at Churchill Downs in order to provide fast going for Second Set, who is now likely to head Britain's challenge in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

He reported his Sussex Stakes winner to be "extremely well" and provided the going is suitably fast "we will be there with a good chance."

Geoff Lewis is placing his horses to perfection as he seeks a bumper pay-out from bookmakers for training 40 winners this year. But even he cannot get everything right.

The Epsom handler thought Lady Sabo offered the best chance of adding to his tally in the opening Buckenham Selling Stakes, but could only finish third behind William Pearce's Toshiba Comet Star, who was subsequently sold for £15,500.

However, Lewis did not have to wait long for his 38th winner as Don't Leave Me finished like the proverbial wind to snatch victory in the A R Dennis Bookamkers Nursery. At the furlong pole Hawa Layaam, blinkered for the first time, looked assured of victory as he held a lead of at least four lengths. But Don't Leave Me came home as though he knew about the pay-out in store for the Epsom yard if the 40 winners are achieved.

Just how much Mill Reef's former jockey and friends will collect is unclear, but it is at least £100,000.

☐ The timescale for supplementary entries in group one races is to be revised for 1992. Instead of the supplementary stage being on the Tuesday prior to the week of the race, it will now be six days before the race, apart from Saturdays when it will be seven days.

Doubt over Desert Sun

THE Dubai Champion Stakes, already weakened by the defection of dual Derby winner Generous, could lose another top contender in Desert Sun.

Henry Cecil's colt is suffering from a leg problem and is rated a doubtful starter for tomorrow's group one contest at Newmarket.

"His leg has burnt up and he is only 50-50 to make the race," Cecil said. "We have blood-tested him and will wait for the results in the morning before a final decision is made."

Ladbrokes have deleted Desert Sun from their lists and now bet: 4-1 In The Groove, 6-1 Ristna, 7-1 Marju, 8-1 bar.

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Yousefia.	2.00 Charolles.	3.40 GREAT PALM (nap).
2.35 Susurration.	2.35 Trojan Crown.	4.15 Don't Smile.
3.05 Mathaayl.	3.05 Mystery Play.	4.50 Balletomane.
3.40 Great Palm.	3.40 Young Senor.	
4.15 Peerage Prince.	4.15 SOVEREIGN ROCK (nap).	
4.50 SATIN LOVER (nap).	4.50 Our Aisling.	
5.15 Noble Singer.	5.15 Noble Singer.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Susurration. 3.40 Zaahi.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 SUSURRATION.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.00 EBF TRAVIS PERKINS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,708: 6f) (14 runners)

101 (6) 04 ABIGAILS BOY 17 (D Johnson) J Scargill 9-0 B Crossley 78
102 (4) AL SADI (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts —
103 (8) BOLD MEMORY (D Price) D Elsworth 9-0 J Williams —
104 (3) CLASSIC EXHIBIT (D Sullivan) A Hide 9-0 B Rouse —
105 (5) CLIFTON CHASE (A Smeaton) M Jarvis 9-0 G Crealock —
106 (1) CONSTRUCTIVIST (Dein Ltd) B Hills 9-0 D Holland —
107 (2) FAIR AMERICAN (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 L Dettori —
108 (13) 05 HARDLINER 9 (D Adams) J Shaw 9-0 R Cochrane 92
109 (10) KING OLAF (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 Paul Eddery —
110 (12) 0 SO SUPERB 15 (Lady Swaythling) J Dunlop 9-0 J Reid —
111 (9) SOVEREIGN PAGE (Mrs J Bexby) B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond —
112 (7) ARBUSHA (H De Kwiatkowski) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 A Munro —
113 (11) CHAROLLES (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 S Cauthen —
114 (14) 5 YOUSEFIA 13 (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 Pat Eddery ● 99

BETTING: 2-1 Charolles, 4-1 Yousefia, 7-1 Fair American, 8-1 Hardliner, 10-1 King Olaf, 12-1 Constructivist, Arbusha, 14-1 Abigails Boy, 16-1 others.

1990: CHIMAYO 9-0 L Piggott (9-1) B Hills 11 ran

2.35 BARING INTERNATIONAL DARLEY STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: £11,904: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

201 (10) 40-2550 EMPEROR FOUNTAIN 89 (F) (Duke of Devonshire) J Toller 4-9-4 W Newnes 88
202 (6) 032211 SURE SHARP 40 (C,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-9-4 S Cauthen 95
203 (3) 010360 SYLVA HONDA 38 (F,S) (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 3-9-3 M Roberts 86
204 (7) 453032 LIFEWATCH VISION 8 (F,G) (Dr A Gillespie) M Johnston 4-9-0 T Quinn 98
205 (2) 113/210- MILITARY FASHION 342 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 5-9-0 L Dettori 92
206 (11) 411-26 HEART OF DARKNESS 14 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-10 J Reid 96
207 (8) 016544 POWER TAKE OFF 14 (F,G) (Mrs B Skinner) P Makin 5-8-9 B Raymond 96
208 (1) 211282 SUSURRATION 14 (D,G,S) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 4-8-9 W Carson ● 99
209 (9) 41 CONTESSA 11 (F) (G Leigh) G Harwood 3-8-5 R Cochrane 80
210 (4) 021 CRADLE OF LOVE 20 (D,F) (C Wright) J Hills 3-8-5 M Hills 81
211 (5) 5-43520 TROJAN CROWN 76 (C,F) (E Loder) G Wragg 3-8-5 Pat Eddery 95

BETTING: 3-1 Susurration, 4-1 Sure Sharp, 5-1 Power Take Off, 7-1 Heart Of Darkness, 10-1 Trojan Crown, Lifewatch Vision, 14-1 Emperor Fountain, Cradle Of Love, 16-1 others.

1990: RAJ WAKI 3-8-10 R Cochrane (13-2) G Harwood 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

SURE SHARP beat El Dinero neck in 11-runner San Siro (1m, good to firm) listed race. LIFEWATCH VISION neck 2nd of 13 to Wild And Loose in Ascot (1m, good) handicap. Previously 3½l 3rd of 9 to Rudimentary in listed race here (1m, good to firm) with POWER TAKE OFF (6lb better off) ½l 4th and HEART OF DARKNESS (7lb better off) 3½l 6th.
POWER TAKE OFF 2¾l 4th of 8 to Filia Ardross in group III Select Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SUSURRATION neck 2nd of 13 to Osario in group III Supreme Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good). Earlier beat SURE SHARP (4lb worse off) 3l in 14-runner Ascot (1m, good) ladies' race.
CONTESSA beat Rayado 8l in 12-runner Pontefract (1m, good to firm) maiden. TROJAN CROWN 1½l 2nd of 6 to Only Yours in group II Child Stakes at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: SUSURRATION

3.05 ROCKFEL STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £20,640: 7f) (6 runners) (C4)

301 (1) 1111 MUSICALE 56 (C,D,F,G) (R Sangster) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery 94
302 (6) BE MY EVERYTHING (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 8-8 W Ryan —
303 (3) 2 MATHAAYL 22 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8 R Hills 93
304 (5) 12 MYSTERY PLAY 20 (CD,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-8 S Cauthen ● 99
305 (2) 41 PEARL ANGEL 89 (CD,G) (Mrs B Fairbairn) Miss B Sanders 8-8 M Roberts 89
306 (4) 11 SNOW FOREST 6 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-8 D Holland 83

BETTING: 2-1 Mystery Play, 5-2 Musicale, 7-2 Mathaayl, 6-1 Pearl Angel, 7-1 Snow Forest, 66-1 Be My Everything.

1990: CRYSTAL GAZING 8-8 L Dettori (5-6 fav) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUSICALE completed four-timer when beating Measafi 1l in 5-runner group III Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good). Previously beat Coffee Ice head in 6-runner group III Cherry Hinton Stakes here on the July course (6f, good).
BE MY EVERYTHING (foaled Mar 1, cost 26,000gns). Half-sister by Be My Guest to a number of winners abroad. Dam, Everything Nice, useful juvenile 5f winner.
MATHAAYL ½l 2nd of 5 to Misterioso in 5-runner Ascot (6f, good to firm) race. MYSTERY PLAY 2¾l 3rd of 7, promoted to 2nd, to Culture Vulture in group I Brent Walker Mile at Ascot (1m, soft). PEARL ANGEL beat Venturina 3½l in 7-runner listed race here on the July course (7f, good). SNOW FOREST beat Oumaldaaya 1½l in 5-runner York (7f, good to firm) race.
Selection: MYSTERY PLAY (nap)

3.40 THREE CHIMNEYS DEWHURST STAKES (C4)
(Group I: 2-Y-O: £130,195: 7f) (9 runners)

401 (6) 12112 DR DEVIOUS 16 (CD,BF,G,S) (L Gaucci) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 W Carson 97
402 (7) 415 FREE FLYER 14 (D,F) (Essam Fustok) M Moubarak 9-0 A Cruz 85
403 (1) 1 GREAT PALM 57 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro ● 99
404 (3) 31 PURSUIT OF LOVE 15 (CD,F) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery 97
405 (9) 524161 STRONG SUIT 41 (CD,F,G) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 9-0 B Raymond 97
406 (2) 15 THOURIOS 78 (D,BF,S) (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 94
407 (6) 08 TONY SAN 18 (L Gaucci) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 74
408 (5) 210231 YOUNG SENOR 16 (CD,F) (Exors of late E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 J Reid 98
409 (4) 1 ZAAHI 30 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 R Hills 98

BETTING: 11-4 Dr Devious, 3-1 Great Palm, 4-1 Pursuit Of Love, 5-1 Young Senor, 7-1 Zaahi, 10-1 Thourios, 20-1 Strong Suit, 33-1 Free Flyer, 66-1 Tony San.

1990: GENEROUS 9-0 T Quinn (50-1) P Cole 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DR DEVIOUS beat Made Of Gold (group II winner subsequently) 1½l in 7-runner group II Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start with THOURIOS (3lb worse off) 8l 5th. FREE FLYER 3¾l 5th of 8 to Tertian in a listed race over course and distance (good to firm) latest. Previously beat Chief Of Staff 2l in 10-runner Sandown (7f, good to firm) maiden.
GREAT PALM beat Wesaam 2½l in 11-runner York (6f, good) maiden. PURSUIT OF LOVE beat Big Blue 3l in 17-runner maiden over course and distance (good to firm). STRONG SUIT beat Appealing Times ½l in 12-runner Haydock (6f, good to firm) nursery. THOURIOS beat Bold Stroke 8l in 18-runner Salisbury (7f, good) maiden in July.
YOUNG SENOR beat DR DEVIOUS (same terms) head in 30-runner Tattersalls Tiffany Highflyer Stakes over course and distance (good to firm) latest. Previously 4½l 3rd of 9 to Assessor in Ascot (7f, good to soft) graduation race. ZAAHI beat Agincourt Song 7l in 11-runner Sandown (7f, good to firm) maiden.
Selection: DR DEVIOUS

4.15 TATTERSALLS SALES NURSERY HANDICAP (C4)
(Final: 2-Y-O: £11,257: 6f) (12 runners)

501 (6) 616 INVINCIBLE ARMADA 8 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7 J Weaver (7) 81
502 (10) 233225 FIGHTING TEMERAIRE 13 (BF) (Kennet Valley Ltd) P Cole 9-6 A Simpson (7) 92
503 (3) 125 ELANMATINA 25 (D,BF,F) (P Gregory) C Wall 9-2 Pat Eddery 89
504 (9) 0401 MOGWAI 13 (D,G) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 8-7 J Reid 88
505 (8) 531000 GREY CHARMER 10 (D,F) (Miss S Previte) C James 8-6 S Whitworth 93
506 (11) 0522 THE NEW GIRL 98 (BF) (T Marshall) C C Elsey 8-6 W Newnes 92
507 (4) 05041 PEERAGE PRINCE 15 (D,G) (D Hobbs) Pat Mitchell 8-4 S O'Gorman (3) 98
508 (1) 000 SOVEREIGN ROCK 24 (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-4 B Raymond 80
509 (7) 6540 TADORA 15 (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 8-2 B Rouse 84
510 (2) 252235 PETITE-D-ARGENT 21 (BF) (D Couper) Miss L Perratt 8-1 A Munro 95
511 (5) 000210 DON'T SMILE 13 (D,S) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 7-13 R Hills ● 99
512 (12) 05600 MANSBER 20 (D Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 7-7 D Harrison (7) 84

Long handicap: Mansber 7-0.

BETTING: 5-1 Elanmatina, 11-2 Don't Smile, Sovereign Rock, 8-1 The New Girl, Fighting Temeraire, Petite-D-Argent, 10-1 Peerage Prince, 12-1 Invincible Armada, Mogwai, Tadora, 25-1 Grey Charmer, 50-1 Mansber.

1990: RAPID CORACLE 8-11 B Rouse (14-1) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

INVINCIBLE ARMADA 9l 8th of 9 to Fylde Flyer in York (6f, good to firm) nursery. FIGHTING TEMERAIRE neck 2nd of 8 to Sunday's Hill in Ascot (6f, good) nursery on penultimate start. ELANMATINA 5¼l 5th of 12 to Arabellajill in Nottingham (6f, good to firm) nursery.
MOGWAI beat Plan Ahead head in 23-runner Goodwood (6f, good) claimer. GREY CHARMER 8½l 9th of 19 to Nur in Folkestone (6f, good) nursery. THE NEW GIRL head 2nd of 7 to Lady Sabo in a Warwick (5f, firm) maiden auction. PEERAGE PRINCE beat Mountain Ash short-head in 11-runner Lingfield (6f, good) maiden. PETITE-D-ARGENT ½l 3rd of 10 to Paradise Forum in Nottingham (6f, good to firm) nursery on penultimate start. DON'T SMILE beat Lombard Ocean 1½l in 17-runner Haydock (6f, good to soft) nursery with GREY CHARMER (8lb better off) 7½l 10th.
Selection: MOGWAI

4.50 PARK PADDOCKS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,004: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

601 (8) 5521 MOONLIGHT QUEST 10 (G) (Mrs J Lamb) B Hanbury 9-12 (5ex) B Raymond 80
602 (7) 540-515 ANDRATH 27 (F) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-1 M Roberts 91
603 (2) 13 ANAFI 29 (F) (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 8-11 Pat Eddery 86
604 (3) 6215-06 HAREDEN 14 (BF,F) (Mrs M Ennever) G Harwood 8-11 R Cochrane 98
605 (6) 621 LITERARY SPARK 14 (C,F) (Lansfield Racing) W Jarvis 8-9 J Reid 90
606 (10) 4104 BALLETOMANE 15 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-7 D Holland 92
607 (1) 002215 THIBAAIN 9 (D,BF,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-6 R Hills 96
608 (9) 0-00510 BEAUCHAMP FIZZ 20 (F) (E Penser) J Dunlop 8-4 W Carson ● 99
609 (5) 131144 OUR AISLING 18 (D,F) (A Smeaton) S Norton 7-13 D Harrison (7) 95
610 (4) 000011 SATIN LOVER 10 (D,F,G) (Larasbuild Contractors) R Akehurst 7-8 (5ex) B Doyle (5) 97

BETTING: 2-1 Satin Lover, 5-1 Anafi, 6-1 Balletomane, 7-1 Andrath, 8-1 Our Aisling, Thibaain, 12-1 Literary Spark, 14-1 Beauchamp Fizz, 20-1 Moonlight Quest, Hareden.

1990: FARMIN 8-3 M Roberts (8-1) A Stewart 9 ran

5.15 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP (No penalty value: 2-Y-O: 7f) (2 runners)

1 (1) 0336 COMMON COUNCIL 10 (Lord Derby) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W Carson ● 99
2 (2) NOBLE SINGER (W Gredley) H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills —

BETTING: 1-2 Noble Singer, 7-4 Common Council.

1990: CADENCY 9-0 L Dettori (walked over) P Walwyn

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Chapple-Hyam	3	12	25.0	S Cauthen	93	463	20.1
H Cecil	78	341	22.3	W Carson	80	501	16.0
M Stoute	55	288	19.1	R Cochrane	57	428	13.3
J Gosden	13	69	18.8	M Hills	37	289	12.8
L Cumani	55	314	17.5	Pat Eddery	64	502	12.7
C Benstead	9	63	14.3	L Dettori	33	263	12.5

(Not including yesterday's results)

CATTERICK BRIDGE

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Specificity.	2.15 Specificity.
2.45 Mountain Ash.	2.45 Mountain Ash.
3.20 Wings Of Freedom.	3.20 Silk Degrees.
3.55 White Witch.	3.55 White Witch.
4.30 Branston Abby.	4.30 Sense Of Priority.
5.00 Chelsworth.	5.00 Beckingham Ben.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 MOUNTAIN ASH (nap).

GOING: GOOD — DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.15 CRAVEN APPRENTICE GRADUATION STAKES
(£2,447: 1m 4f 44yd) (10 runners)

1 (4) 0020-00 AIRE VALLEY LAD 42J (R Hewitt) R Bastiman 4-9-0 H Bastiman 50
2 (5) 315004- HUDSON BAY TRADER 217J (F) (P Curtis) M Avison 4-9-0 P A Johnson 82
3 (9) 565323 BRIDGE PLAYER 80 (D & M Lambert) D Moffatt 4-8-9 Darren Moffatt (7) 66
4 (2) 164000 COOL PARADE 8 (V,F) (P Bacon) S Norton 3-8-7 O Pears 74
5 (1) 143620 RADIO CAROLINE 4 (V,G) (B Batey) A Harrison 3-8-7 M Hunt 70
6 (3) 680-0 WOOLAW BOY 39 (J Murray Cumming) J Haldane 3-8-7 S D Williams —
7 (7) 0355 COLORADO INSIGHT 20J (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 3-8-2 G Parkin 63
8 (6) 032600 FEN PRINCESS 6 (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 3-8-2 Nicola Howarth 29
9 (10) 3 SPECIFICITY 21 (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 3-8-2 E Husband 87
10 (8) 3213 TANZ 48 (CD,BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-2 S Davies ● 99

BETTING: 5-4 Tanz, 7-4 Specificity, 6-1 Fen Princess, 10-1 Hudson Bay Trader, 12-1 Radio Caroline, 14-1 Bridge Player, 16-1 Cool Parade, Colorado Insight, 20-1 others.

1990: TRAFUL 3-8-0 V Bray (2-1 fav) M Stoute 9 ran

2.45 EBF ILKLEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,616: 7f) (12 runners)

1 (5) 0050 AND ME 70 (J Dyson) D Thom 8-11 J Lowe 76
2 (10) 0 CHARMONIX 10 (Premier Bloodstock Company) G Wragg 8-11 F Norton (5) 80
3 (8) 46230 DAZZLING MAID 20 (B) (M Parrish) M H Easterby 8-11 M Birch 93
4 (12) 560 DOYCE 20 (Lord Matthews) J Etherington 8-11 N Connorton 76
5 (3) ELEMENT OFSURPRISE (A Element) J H Wilson 8-11 M Wood —
6 (9) 00 MAKE ME PROUD 42 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 8-11 B Crossley 85
7 (6) 00 MERLS PEARL 11 (Blackfield Racing) J Glover 8-11 Dean McKeown —
8 (2) 46 MILI FIT 41 (H Salem) B Hanbury 8-11 G Baxter 76
9 (1) 32 MOUNTAIN ASH 15 (BF) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds Ltd) W Haggas 8-11 N Day 98
10 (4) 5250 OAK APPLE 29 (Z Kashiwagi) B Hanbury 8-11 G Hind ● 99
11 (7) 040 SCOTTISH PARK 48 (K Bridges) J Leigh 8-11 K Fallon —
12 (11) 600 SPEEDO MOVEMENT 20 (Mrs Y Lin) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 61

BETTING: 5-2 Mountain Ash, 4-1 Oak Apple, 5-1 Make Me Proud, 6-1 Dazzling Maid, 8-1 Mili Fit, 10-1 Charmonix, 12-1 And Me, 14-1 Doyce, 16-1 others.

1990: ABLE SUSAN 8-11 W Newnes (3-1) G Wragg 8 ran

3.20 BRETTANBY HANDICAP (£2,637: 1m 7f 177yd) (16 runners)

1 (4) 00-6400 NATIVE MAGIC 24 (F,S) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 5-10-0 B Crossley 92
2 (13) 055010 NEGATORY 11 (F) (N Butchers) M Chapman 4-9-10 S Webster 86
3 (9) 5/610-20 YORKSHIRE HOLLY 17 (D,F) (R Wood) M Avison 8-9-7 S Turner 90
4 (15) 414010- RAINBOW STRIPES 248J (D,F) (R Frost) B Rothwell 4-8-8 J Fortune 85
5 (5) 402365 SANDFORD SPRINGS 10 (F) (R Thomas Williams) R Holder 4-8-6 Dean McKeown 91
6 (12) 5-30000 TURMERIC 27 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Morley) D Morley 8-8-5 M Birch ● 99
7 (10) 305032 WINGS OF FREEDOM 10 (B,G) (P Savill) G Lewis 3-8-4 K Darley 96
8 (6) 1/21546 SILK DEGREES 17 (D,F,G) (G Keary) W Storey 5-8-2 M Hunt (7) 91
9 (8) 644203 DANCING BRIDE 20 (B) (J Bethell) J Bethell 4-8-1 J Lowe 93
10 (16) 093220 SONIC SIGNAL 9 (F,G) (B Saumtally) M Haynes 5-7-12 D Biggs (5) 96
11 (2) 032004 DANCING DAYS 11 (V,G) (J Parkes) J Parkes 5-7-10 Dale Gibson 93
12 (3) 440 LYPHARD'S SONG 71 (Mrs B Wolff) N Graham 3-7-8 N Adams 93
13 (7) 00-0400 PEARL ESSENCE 10 (P Pritchard) C Wall 3-7-8 N Carlisle 89
14 (11) 404404 BOLLIN MAGDALENE 11 (B) (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 3-7-7 S Maloney (5) 96
15 (14) 000000- PRESIDENT GEORGE 389 (A Batey) W Storey 4-7-7 S Wood 80
16 (1) 060006 SMASHER 18 (B) (F Reeder) R Williams 3-7-7 J Quinn 89

Long handicap: Bollin Magdalene 7-5, President George 7-3, Smasher 6-13.

BETTING: 5-1 Dancing Bride, 13-2 Native Magic, 7-1 Rainbow Stripes, 8-1 Sandford Springs, Wings Of Freedom, 10-1 Yorkshire Holly, Silk Degrees, 12-1 Sonic Signal, Turmeric, 14-1 others.

1990: PREMIER PRINCESS 4-7-4 S Wood (8-1) W Bentley 14 ran

3.55 ZETLAND MAIDEN STAKES (£2,467: 7f) (12 runners)

1 (10) 4- PERANG PERCY 503 (Dee Services Ltd) B Lunness 5-9-0 J Lowe —
2 (4) 60-0000 WHEELS OF WEETMAN 32 (Ed Weetman Ltd) B McMahon 4-9-0 K Fallon 57
3 (11) 60600- DARA LOCH 359 (Bedlington Racegoers) M Naughton 3-8-11 Paul Burke 56
4 (9) 3025-65 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 98 (Diamond Bloodstock) C Tinkler 3-8-11 T Lucas 79
5 (8) 042 OLD GLORY 53 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 3-8-11 F Norton (5) 96
6 (2) 0-30260 BINGO BONGO 144 (R Bruce Morris) D Burchell 4-8-9 Dean McKeown 65
7 (5) 322300 QUIET VICTORY 100 (J Wilson) Miss L Siddall 4-8-9 K Darley 74
8 (1) 265503 AELLOPOUS 36 (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 3-8-6 A Clark 91
9 (7) 0-0050 NAJAAH 122 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-6 B Crossley 78
10 (12) 0004-02 OLD PEG 200 (Lady Muriess) M H Easterby 3-8-6 M Birch 73
11 (5) 33 SAUVIGNON 92 (J Mayor) L Cumani 3-8-6 J Fortune 88
12 (3) 02032 WHITE WITCH 11 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-6 G Hind ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 White Witch, 5-2 Sauvignon, 4-1 Old Glory, 8-1 Aellopous, 12-1 Najaah, 16-1 others.

1990: PLATOON 3-8-8 Alex Greaves (8-1) T Barron 14 ran

4.30 HORNBY CASTLE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,637: 5f 212yd) (13 runners)

1 (8) 134113 SENSE OF PRIORITY 20 (C,BF,F) (P Savill) M H Easterby 9-7 K Darley 95
2 (1) 101213 LUVLY JUBLY 72 (BF,F,S) (Twenty Four Carat Racing) J Berry 8-9 Ron Hills (5) 86
3 (10) 412323 BATTLE OF BRITAIN 15 (M Goddard) J Berry 8-8 J Carroll 87
4 (13) 622120 PALACEGATE RACING 32 (D) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-6 G Carter 87
5 (3) 126306 BRANSTON ABBY 25 (F) (J David Abell) M W Easterby 8-5 M Birch ● 99
6 (9) 60203 MAKEMINEMUSIC 27 (N Miller) Mrs G Reveley 8-2 Paul Burke 79
7 (5) 236100 DAILY SPORT AUGUST 8 (D) (Mattie O'Toole) M Chapman 8-1 J Quinn 80
8 (2) 00 HOB GREEN 14 (Mrs A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 B Crossley —
9 (11) 620123 SARA ANNE 53 (F) (C Allen) C Allen 7-12 G Bardwell 82
10 (7) 445430 GOLD CIRCLE 36 (B) (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 7-10 Dale Gibson 73
11 (6) 000 BLUSHING OPAL 66 (B) (Miss A Strangeway) B Ellison 7-7 S Maloney (5) —
12 (12) 052 PLAN AHEAD 13 (Planflow Ltd) G Lewis 7-7 F Norton (5) 57
13 (4) 00 WOODLAND RIDE 10 (A Bottomley) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-7 M Hunt (7) —

BETTING: 5-2 Sense Of Priority, 7-2 Branston Abby, 5-1 Battle Of Britain, 8-1 Plan Ahead, 8-1 Luvly Jubly, 10-1 Palacegate Racing, 12-1 Sara Anne, Makeminemusic, 14-1 others.

1990: TIME FOR THE BLUES 8-13 K Darley (7-4 fav) J Berry 8 ran

5.00 FAVERDALE HANDICAP (£2,595: 5f) (17 runners)

1 (8) 003506 SHEDAD 2 (T Barron) T Barron 3-9-10 Alex Greaves 80
2 (4) 041606 CATHERINES WELL 17 (CD,F,G,S) (R Cox) M W Easterby 8-9-6 T Lucas 98
3 (12) 3-52041 CHELSWORTH 17 (D,G) (Exors of E Moller) G Wragg 3-9-2 F Norton (5) 91
4 (17) 240000 LE CHIC 18 (CD,F) (J Warren) D Chapman 5-9-1 J Fortune ● 99
5 (16) 313240 GREETLAND ROCK 11 (B,D,F) (J Wilkins) J Berry 3-9-0 J Carroll 93
6 (15) 464560 HINARI VIDEO 17 (D,G,S) (Mark Johnston Ltd) M Johnston 6-9-0 Dean McKeown 97
7 (10) 023001 SIR TASKER 2 (G) (C Conway) J Harris 3-9-0 (7ex) K Fallon 97
8 (6) 004600 CRAKAFU 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Plc) M H Easterby 5-8-12 M Birch 89
9 (1) 046302 DRUM SERGEANT 11 (V) (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-8-8 N Carlisle 96
10 (3) 002240 PIGALLE WONDER 17 (B,BF) (A Whiting) W Holden 3-8-8 J Lowe 94
11 (11) 000000 LINCSTONE BOY 17 (B,D,F) (Mrs J Addleshaw) A Smith 3-8-7 S Webster 81
12 (7) 23-5665 BECKINGHAM BEN 11 (B,D,F,G) (H Pickering) J Leigh 7-8-6 A Culhane 92
13 (14) 200004 ARC LAMP 18 (D,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 5-7-10 Dale Gibson 85
14 (5) 000400 IMITATE 2 (B,S) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 3-7-9 S Wood 96
15 (9) 060060 JIVE MUSIC 25 (D,G) (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 5-7-9 L Charnock 92
16 (13) 005000 JOLLY FISHERMAN 84 (Black Diamond Racing Plc) M Chapman 3-7-7 J Quinn 94
17 (2) 00-0000 COPPER TOP 2 (D,F) (B Kidd) H Collingridge 4-7-7 C Hawksley (7) —

Long handicap: Jolly Fisherman 7-1, Copper Top 7-0.

BETTING: 5-1 Chelsworth, 6-1 Beckingham Ben, 7-1 Drum Sergeant, 8-1 Pigalle Wonder, Greetland Rock, 10-1 Catherines Well, Hinari Video, 12-1 Crakafu, Le Chic, 14-1 others.

1990: BRAVE MELODY 4-7-8 G Bardwell (12-1) J H Wilson 20 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	13	22	59.1	Alex Greaves	8	39	20.5
L Cumani	10	22	45.5	J Fortune	12	60	20.0
R Williams	6	14	42.9	G Bardwell	4	21	19.0
W Haggas	3	8	37.5	A Clark	3	16	18.8
J Gosden	3	8	37.5	F Norton	3	16	18.8
J Berry	32	162	19.8	G Carter	4	23	17.4

LUDLOW

MANDARIN
1.40 Knock Knock. 2.10 High Imp. 2.40 Roscoe Harvey. 3.10 Shu Fly. 3.45 The Pursewarden. 4.20 Just A Wonder. 4.50 Cornish Cossack.

THUNDERER
1.40 Knock Knock. 2.10 Cara Muffin. 2.40 Roscoe Harvey. 3.10 Frendly Fellow. 3.45 Casino Magic. 4.20 Oneninefive. 4.50 Cornish Cossack.

GOING: FIRM — SIS

1.40 HALFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,305: 2m) (7 runners)

1 -P31 BURSANA 9 (D,F) J Spearing 5-11-0 A Webb
2 10 DAISY GIRL 20 (D,BF,F) J Mackie 5-11-0 S J O'Neill
3 BRYNHILL ALERT Mrs S Minns 5-10-13 D Byrne
4 50-5 COBBLERS COOLER 8 G Charles-Jones 5-10-13 C Llewellyn
5 3- KNOCK KNOCK 13F (BF) I Balding 5-10-13 J Frost
6 P5-0 BOUNDER ROWE 23F J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-12 E Byrne
7 5425 RAMSEY STREET 9 K Bridgwater 4-10-7 D Bridgwater (3)

5-4 Knock Knock, 5-2 Daisy Girl, 4-1 Bursana, 6-1 Ramsey Street, 12-1 Cobblers Cooler, 14-1 Brynhill Alert, 16-1 Bounder Rowe.

2.10 CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,374: 2m) (8)

1 34-1 HIGH IMP 74 (D,F,G,S) P Leach 11-11-10 H Davies
2 3312 RONOCCO 10 (CD,BF,F) Mrs S Williams 9-11-4 S McNeill
3 -44P ROY PRINCE 23 (D,F) W Clay 8-11-0 T Wall
4 -F53 CARA MUFFIN 20 (B) J Mackie 7-11-0 C Hawkins
5 2-54 PASSO ALL'ERTA 11 (B) P Cowley 8-10-12 G McCourt
6 6-UF GABISH 32 (D,F) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-10-12 E Byrne
7 0/F- LA BELLE OF SANTO 167 (D,F) B Wells 8-10-12 S Mason (7)
8 53-6 RAG TIME BELLE 6 (CD,F,G) G Charles-Jones 5-10-12 A Maguire (5)

9-4 High Imp, 3-1 Ronocco, 4-1 Cara Muffin, 6-1 Roy Prince, 8-1 Rag Time Belle, 10-1 Passo All'erta, 12-1 others.

2.40 COURT OF HILL HANDICAP CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,542: 2m 4f) (7)

1 0-12 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 2 (B,F,G) O Sherwood 9-12-3 (6ex) A Harvey (7)
2 1P-5 ROSCOE HARVEY 34 (D,F,G,S) C Brooks 9-12-0 G Oxley (5)
3 P/PU GLEN GEORGE 9 (D,F,G,S) N Gaselee 11-10-8 A Kaskat (7)
4 43-F MISS FERN 9 (D,F) R Dickin 8-10-0 Miss S Duckett (7)
5 2442 SANDMOOR PRINCE 5 (F) P Pritchard 8-10-0 P Pritchard (7)
6 1423 NETHERBRIDGE 4 (CD,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 13-10-0 R Griffiths (7)
7 21-6 MEDIA LEADER 17 (F) R Hodges 11-10-0 G Lewis (7)

2-1 Mandraki Shuffle, 7-2 Roscoe Harvey, 4-1 Netherbridge, 7-1 Miss Fern, 10-1 Glen George, 12-1 others

3.10 PSM MICROCOMPUTERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,775: 2m) (10)

1 5-21 SHU FLY 2 (D,F,G) Mrs S Oliver 7-12-7 (7ex) D Poole (7)
2 -135 WHISTLING GIPSY 20 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs S Oliver 8-11-7 Jacqui Oliver
3 4024 FRENDLY FELLOW 10 (B,CD,F,G) F Jordan 7-11-2 J Lodder
4 2413 SLIPPERY MAX 17 (D,F,G) R Juckes 7-10-7 M A Fitzgerald (7)
5 334- FLEURCONE 347 (CD,F,G,S) K White 9-10-0 T Wall
6 2121 SEVEN SONS 22 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 4-10-0 D Bridgwater (3)
7 -016 BICKERMAN 20 (B,CD,F,G) J Spearing 8-10-0 A Webb
8 -153 WINDSOR PARK 4F (D,F) K Bridgwater 5-10-0 V Slattery (5)
9 510- CORLY SPECIAL 140 (D,F) L Codd 4-10-0 F Murtagh (7)
10 PP-2 MOURADABIA 20 (D,F,S) P Dalton 8-10-0 R Supple

3-1 Shu Fly, 4-1 Seven Sons, 5-1 Slippery Max, 6-1 Whistling Gipsy, Frendly Fellow, 8-1 Mouradabia, 10-1 Corly Special, 12-1 others.

3.45 ARTHUR ELLIOTT NOVICES CHASE
(£2,201: 2m 4f) (8)

1 32F3 CASINO MAGIC 17 J Spearing 7-11-2 A Webb
2 2-53 COUTURE TIGHTS 8 J Mackie 6-11-2 S J O'Neill
3 FPP/ DANUM LAD 953 (B) R Juckes 7-11-2 M A Fitzgerald (7)
4 36P- HICKELTON LAD 139 (G) M Usher 7-11-2 B Powell
5 P/35 LITTLECOTE LAD 8 N Thomson 8-11-2 J Neaves (7)
6 3-2P THE PURSEWARDEN 37 (F) Mrs F Walwyn 8-11-2 B de Haan
7 /24- WILLOWSON 319 K White 10-11-2 V Smith
8 F54F YAMASHITA 8 F Jordan 6-11-2 J Lodder

2-1 Casino Magic, 11-4 The Pursewarden, 5-1 Couture Tights, 6-1 Yamashita, 7-1 Littlecote Lad, 10-1 Hickelton Lad, 12-1 others.

4.20 BRIMFIELD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,305: 2m 5f) (4)

1 0-12 GLENGOOLE 17 (F) B Smart 8-11-10 J Railton
2 5361 ONENINEFIVE 23 (V,CD,F) G Ham 5-11-10 B Powell
3 -453 BALLAD RULER 7 P Pritchard 5-11-7 S J O'Neill
4 2U32 JUST A WONDER 11 (V,BF) S Christian 7-11-6 M McGonagle (7)

6-4 Oneninefive, 7-4 Glengoole, 3-1 Just A Wonder, 6-1 Ballad Ruler.

4.50 EBF LUDLOW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,656: 2m) (14)

1 00/ ANVADABO 573 R Juckes 6-11-2 Mr J Rudge (7)
2 2 CORNISH COSSACK 21 D Barons 4-11-2 R Greene (5)
3 0- DE LOS ANDES 144 Mrs S Oliver 5-11-2 D Poole (7)
4 63- ENTERTAINMENT PARK 183 B Preece 5-11-2 Mr R Davis (7)
5 FURRY LOCH H Kavanagh 5-11-2 M Sharratt (7)
6 FUTURAMA MISSILE Mrs J Wonnacott 4-11-2 Mrs C Wonnacott
7 08- NORTHERN SADDLER 188 R Hodges 4-11-2 P Verling (3)
8 5 RAIN MAN 14 M Hammond 5-11-2 Mr S Lyons (7)
9 TIGER DUFF Mrs J Wonnacott 5-11-2 S Donohoe (5)
10 0/ BERRYS CRUISE 540 F Jordan 6-10-11 T Protheroe (7)
11 00- BOSSBURG 183 T Bailey 4-10-11 P Mella (7)
12 NICKLARE E Bevan 5-10-11 Mr D Duggan (7)
13 RUSHHOME P Radford 4-10-11 Mr S Kerr (7)
14 TOUCH OF ELEGANCE M Pipe 5-10-11 Mr L Jefford (7)

7-4 Cornish Cossack, 5-2 Touch Of Elegance, 5-1 Rain Man, 8-1 Northern Saddler, 10-1 Entertainment Park, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 21 winners from 76 runners, 27.6%; Mrs J Wonnacott, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mrs S Oliver, 7 from 28, 25.0%; G Ham, 3 from 17, 17.6%; O Sherwood, 3 from 17, 17.6%; N Gaselee, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Verling, 4 winners from 17 rides, 23.5%; B Powell, 6 from 27, 22.2%; J Lodder, 7 from 45, 15.6%; H Davies, 7 from 48, 14.6%. (Only qualifiers)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, TOSHIBA COMET STAR (D Nicholls, 13-2 jt-fav); 2, Shocking Times (A Tucker, 33-1); 3, Lady Sabo (Paul Eddery, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 jt-fav Lady Linnet, 7 Sea Prodigy, 15-2 Baileys By Name (5th), 10 Baltic Ice, 11 Profit Stream (6th), 12 Dollar Wine, 14 Broughton's Tango, Saifan (4th), 16 Doesyoudoes, 20 Strange Knight, Chummy's Dilemma, Dublin Indemnity, 25 Roly Wallace, Aringay, Scarborough Hill, Schwarzkopf, 33 King Of Reds, King Of Shannon, Up Jenkins, Casual Fling, Easy Does It, Grey But Rosy, Lizzie Drippin, Silverdale Rose. 27 ran. 1½l, sh hd, ¾l, nk, 3½l. W Pearce at Hambleton. Tote: £6.10; £2.00, £29.10, £3.90. DF: £1,440.20. CSF: £216.81. 1min 11.62sec. Winner sold to P Benedetti 15,500gns.

2.35 (1m 4f) 1, KIVETON KABOOZ (L Dettori, 7-1); 2, Llangollen (D Holland, 8-1); 3, Endoli (A Cruz, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 fav Secret Society, 8 Lift And Load, In Pursuit (4th), 10 Barrish (6th), 11 Masai Mara, 12 Commendable, Kaytak, 20 Prince Hannibal, Eire Leath-Sceal (5th), 33 Hitzah, Qualitair Aviator. 14 ran. NR: Al Mutahm. Nk, 1½l, ½l, 1½l, 1½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £7.70; £2.70, £2.30, £3.60. DF: £23.30. CSF: £54.77. Tricast: £501.27. 2min 27.67sec.

3.05 (7f) 1, DON'T LEAVE ME (D Harrison, 12-1); 2, Congress (Pat Eddery, 9-4 fav); 3, Hawa Layaam (L Newton, 10-1); 4, Daja (W Carson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Najeb, Damisters Pet, 10 Well Appointed, 14 Christian Warrior, 16 Keep In Mind, Pageboy, Misty View (5th), Kilmelford, 20 Primus (6th), Salt Whistle, 25 Moor Lodge, 33 Digger Doyle, Anar, Horizontale. 18 ran. 1l, sh hd, 3½l, ½l, 1½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £15.90; £2.90, £1.10, £2.80, £3.60. DF: £20.60. CSF: £39.34. Tricast: £275.75. 1min 23.87sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, MYSTIKO (M Roberts, 9-4 fav); 2, Only Yours (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Volksraad (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bog Trotter (5th), 10 La Grange Music (6th), 12 Kazoo, 16 Himiko (4th). 7 ran. NR: Selkirk. 2l, 1½l, 1½l, hd, 10l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £9.20. CSF: £15.98. 1min 22.77sec (course record).

4.10 (7f) 1, PERFOLIA (D Holland, 5-2 fav); 2, Smiling Sun (A Munro, 25-1); 3, Carolles Express (T Quinn, 12-1); 4, Knight Of Mercy (R Parham, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Superoo, 12 Pontenuovo, Savoyard (6th), Long Knives, 14 Jawab, 16 Mac's Fighter, Affordable, 20 Nordic Brave (5th), 33 Gulmarg, Arabat, Fime Classic, 50 Almasa, Scarabon. 17 ran. Hd, 4l, 1l, 4l, 1½l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £4.50, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £54.80. Trio: £189.90. CSF: £57.80. Tricast: £585.53. 1min 22.24sec.

4.40 (1m) 1, BOLD PURSUIT (L Piggott, 4-1); 2, Delve (T Quinn, 20-1); 3, Fast Manouvre (A Cruz, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Alhamad, 7 Tunbridge Wells, 10 Mizig (4th), Weeheby, 12 Courtline Jester, 14 Cultured, Duke Of Eurolink, 25 Simonov, Spartan Shareef, Roberto's Gal, 33 Hidden Light (6th), Lyn's Return, Mahool (5th), Northern Blade, Tudor Island, Cottonwood, Shirl, Surf Boat, Tamasha. 22 ran. 3½l, 3l, ¾l, 4l, ½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £13.80, £1.70. DF: £124.70. CSF: £82.02. 1min 36.74sec.

Jackpot: £3,700.00 (0.2 tickets – pool of £882.28 carried over to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £86.40.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Transmit (N Doughty, 9-4 fav); 2, Cherokee Dancer (25-1); 3, Train Robber (8-1). 13 ran. NR: Buckingham Gate, Celticherry, Man Of Means. 2½l, 20l. M O'Neill. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £4.50, £2.40. DF: £30.20. CSF: £46.71.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Contact Kelvin (M Moloney, 20-1); 2, Kissena (5-1); 3, Palm Lad (7-2). Kameo Style 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Pure Money. Nk, 3½l, 2l, 10l, 8l. N Bycroft. Tote: £29.40; £4.20, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £39.10. CSF: £102.91.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Daunou (G McCourt, 8-1); 2, Pop Abroad (11-4 fav); 3, Classic Suite (16-1). 13 ran. NR: Ardcroney Chief, Emerald Ruler, Preobrakensky. 2½l, 8l. S Christian. Tote: £8.80; £2.10, £1.50, £5.50. DF: £11.40. CSF: £30.38.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, Sillars Stalker (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Anderson Rose (20-1); 3, Scu's Lady (14-1). 15 ran. NR: Miners Law. 5l, 20l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £2.80, £2.20. DF: £28.60. CSF: £36.25. Bought in 5,000gns.

4.25 (3m 2f ch) 1, Over The Deel (C Grant, 4-11 fav); 2, Glass Mountain (2-1). 2 ran. NR: Kilbenon, Big Steel, Tug Of Gold. 4l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.30.

4.55 (3m hdle) 1, Yacht Club (A Mulholland, 9-1); 2, Max Clown (50-1); 3, Grayrose Double (12-1). For Heaven's Sake 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Emperors Warrior, Blue Danube, Chantilly Lace. 20l, 10l. J Eyre. Tote: £14.00; £1.10, £34.50, £2.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £291.91. Tricast: £4,735.98.

Placepot: £248.80.

Taunton

Going: good to firm

1.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Wolver Gold (C Maude, Evens fav); 2, Sunday Jim (66-1); 3, Just Jean (11-2). 13 ran. 12l, 25l. J Roberts. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £23.80, £2.50. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £1.20. CSF: £57.44.

2.00 (3m ch) 1, Perfect Stranger (A Webb, 8-13 fav); 2, Flood Mark (10-1); 3, Christmas Bash (16-1). 10 ran. 25l, 8l. T Hallett. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £7.90. CSF: £8.40.

2.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Tarmon (M Richards, 5-1); 2, Grey Dancer (20-1); 3, Foolish Masquerade (20-1). Paddy Tee 4-5 fav. 10 ran. 10l, 2½l. W Muir. Tote: £7.50; £1.60, £3.20, £1.90. DF: £85.90. CSF: £89.28.

3.00 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Tildebo (M Lynch, 9-4 fav); 2, Grey Tornado (4-1); 3, Liams Pride (7-1). 5 ran. NR: Evening Rain, Mr Seagull. 7l, 6l. J Webber. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.92.

3.30 (3m hdle) 1, Man From Mars (B Clifford, 1-2 fav); 2, Cute Enchantress (33-1); 3, Fanny Price (25-1). 5 ran. NR: Construction. Dist: 3l. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £3.60. DF: £12.40. CSF: £11.31.

4.00 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Ruling Dynasty (Gee Armytage, 11-2); 2, Solstice Bell (16-1); 3, Bravo Star (20-1). Sand-Dollar 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Trewithien. 2½l, 2½l. M Usher. Tote: £6.70; £2.40, £3.70, £3.10. DF: £151.50. CSF: £70.92. Tricast: £1,322.22.

Placepot: £403.30.

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France positive for World Cup showdown

Confident Blanco refuses to consider defeat

From DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS

IT WILL be, Serge Blanco promised yesterday, different from 1990. He must hope he is right, otherwise the world's most-capped rugby international will end his career at the Parc des Princes tomorrow, beaten by England in the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

On the night of February 2, 1990, a wild storm hit Paris; in its wake, England won their five nations' championship match 26-7. "England played so well because France were so bad," Blanco, the French captain and full back, said after his team trained at Chateau Ricard, just outside Paris. "Not only trees were uprooted in Paris but 15 French players." Could it be a favourable omen for England that another storm is threatened for this weekend?

Because of that performance, the defeat in the grand slam match in March this year, and the fact that Blanco, at 33, will play no more international rugby after the World Cup, France will not admit the possibility of defeat.

"We have learned from Twickenham in March; that was an apprenticeship for this team," Blanco said. "I asked these players before that championship to make sure we were in a position to contest the grand slam and that is what they achieved."

But the full back, who will be making his 93rd appearance for France, has not been in dominating form himself during the World Cup. A stomach disorder, which has affected others in the squad, is blamed for leaving him out of sorts — a condition which might be applied to Frances's victories over Romania, Fiji and Canada, when moments of traditional French genius were interspersed with errors of which better teams might have taken advantage.

None the less, France's capacity for scoring tries outshines England's: they scored eleven to England's five in last season's championship, and have twelve to England's nine in this tournament. Blanco cherishes the memory of that wonderful score by Philippe Saint-André at Twickenham seven months ago, not just because he started it but because it was a collective effort, something he has always admired, even though he has come to be recognised as one of the game's great individuals.

"The individual ability a player has is due to natural talent and the amount of hard work and practice a player puts in. But you stand out if you have the good fortune to be part of a strong team; it is the team performance that gets a player noticed. I've been lucky to play at a time when French rugby has been strong. At the same time the players around me have been able to respond to my personality."

Even so Blanco's capacity for the unexpected puts him alongside David Campese as the greatest entertainers on the world stage. "England should be wary of kicking to put pressure on me — unless they do it very well — because I will take the chance to cause problems. I can create this disorder.

"I agree with Campese. Very often England lack a bit of flair, a bit of madness even, and appear to be stereotyped. They have the players to do it but they tell them not to.

"I don't think my own approach has changed over the last 11 years. What has changed is my apprehension. When I was 22, I was nervous of making mistakes, or missing opportunities which might have been damaging to the team. But little by little, as my career progressed, my skill developed and the possibility of missing a pass or even a catch doesn't worry me now.

"If you try something that goes wrong, that's part of the learning process. I've been lucky to have a long career. I've been able to rectify mistakes I've made and learn from them. Now I know that in 80 minutes there is always time to nullify my little mistakes and change the course of the game."

England trained privately at Montmorency yesterday, comforted by Nigel Heslop's recovery. The Orrell wing missed training on Wednesday because of an inflamed toe, but 24 hours later the problem had virtually disappeared.

ALAN WELLER

Follow my leader: Kinnock, left, and Howell ponder a point at the launch of Labour's *Charter for Sport* at the House of Commons yesterday

Labour promises to bridge the gap

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR government would provide committed support to the staging in Britain of leading international sports events, such as the Olympic Games, the party leader, Neil Kinnock, said yesterday. There would also be "a better deal for those millions of people who participate in sport".

"There is much to be done to bridge what has become a chasm between the rising expectations and enthusiasm of millions of people and the falling support of a government which has all but abandoned sport," Kinnock said.

He added that the government had "turned its back" on the Commonwealth Games, which were staged in Edinburgh in 1986, and the World Student Games, held in Sheffield this year.

In launching Labour's *Charter for Sport*, Kinnock promised a more prominent role for sport in the school curriculum and an adequate number of qualified PE teachers.

"According to the CCPR [Central Council for Physical Recreation], in the last ten years 70 per cent of our schools have suffered a drop in the level of weekend sports activity and 62 per cent a drop in the level of lunchtime and after-school sport," he said.

Every child would be given the chance to learn to swim by the age of 11 and sports finance and sponsorship, levy, betting and taxation would be reviewed. Rights of access to facilities would be protected and extended.

"Our policy enables people to be involved in sport, the Conservative policy has been disabling people from becoming involved in sport," Kinnock added. How much would it cost? "The amount that is involved is tiny by comparison with the Exchequer revenue that comes from sport," he said.

"The cuts in funding support for sports of almost £60 million, which the Government has made in the last five years alone, are just part of the evidence of gross neglect," he said. Labour would review the possibility of a national lottery to finance sporting and cultural activity.

On the support of bids to bring leading sports events to Britain, he said: "There are a variety of ways of doing it. At the very least, we would need the government to facilitate the flow of capital investment into the development of facilities." He said that successful bids "should not want for government support".

Denis Howell, the shadow minister for sport, said that the four national sports councils would be rejuvenated, that poll tax abolition would have "a profound effect" on the money available for sport, that groups such as the retired would be singled out for attention, and that there would be mandatory rate relief for all voluntary sports clubs. "Certainly 50 per cent but it may be more," he said.

"There has been no effective national leadership in sport since Labour left office in 1979," Howell added. The government's record had been "absolutely disastrous".

He said: "We created a dual-use policy whereby local authorities put money into schools and education so that you had much better facilities. These facilities were available both for pupils and adults."

The government was "taking these dual-use facilites away from local government and giving them exclusively to governers of opt-out schools, with no proper guarantee they shall have the money to run them effectively."

The charter's launch at Westminster was the first comprehensive party policy statement since Labour's white paper in 1975. "Sport is our most underrated social service," the document says. "We must protect playing fields, sports grounds and open spaces required for public leisure pursuits."

Scotland select the same side

By ALAN LORIMER

DESPITE the chance of Craig Chalmers and Sean Lineen failing to recover from injury in time for the World Cup quarter-final at Murrayfield tomorrow, Scotland have included both players in an unchanged side to face Western Samoa.

Statistically, Duncan Paterson, the Scotland manager, gave Chalmers a 60 per cent chance of playing; for Lineen, he was no more confident than 50 per cent. "Both have made 100 per cent progress since last weekend," Paterson said. "We will leave the decision on whether to play them as late as possible."

Chalmers has suffered deep bruising in the lateral part of his quadriceps while Lineen has had fluid drained from a swollen knee. Both have been receiving extensive treatment from the Scotland medical team, who are investing a good deal of faith in a hyperbaric chamber loaned to the squad by Highox — an Aberdeen-based firm.

The equipment, which has been successfully used by Celtic football club, hyper-oxygenates torn tissue and speeds up the natural healing process.

Lineen and Chalmers did not take any part in the training session yesterday, which was shortened because of their absence, but they are expected to be with the squad for practice at Murrayfield today.

Ian McGeechan was also an absentee from training yesterday. The Scotland coach has had a recurrence of the back problem that forced him to miss his side's warm-up match against Romania in Bucharest.

Graham Shiel, who scored Scotland's first try against Ireland minutes after replacing Chalmers, is on the bench but the Melrose player could be called on to play at either stand-off half or centre.

If Chalmers and Lineen are both ruled out, Shiel would be the likely choice for stand-off and Douglas Wyllie at inside centre, leaving Mark Moncrieff as the only possible choice for the bench. In turn, that would leave Scotland with no midfield cover and, in the event of an injury in those postions, Tony Stanger would then move to centre and Moncrieff to the wing.

By contrast, Western Samoa were dealing in the currency of certainty when they announced their team yesterday. Having had their appeal against the one-match ban on Mata'afa Keenan rejected on Wednesday, the Samoans have brought Eddie Ioane, the 6ft 5in lock who has represented Auckland, into their side for the first time in the competition.

Otherwise, it is the same side that defeated Wales and Argentina and means that the Samoans will have used only 19 of their squad of 26.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings; A G Stanger, S Hastings, S R P Lineen, I Tukalo; C M Chalmers, G Armstrong; D M B Sole (captain), J Allan, A P Burnell, J Jeffrey, C A Gray, G W Weir, F Calder, D B White. Replacements: P W Doda, A G Shiel, G H Oliver, G R Marshall, A J Watt, K S Milne.
WESTERN SAMOA: A Alokupo; B Lima, T Vaega, F Bunce, T Tagaloa; S Bachop, M Vaea; P Fatialofa (captain), S Toomalatai, V Alaalatoa, S Valfale, M Birtwhistle, E Ioane, A Perelini, P Lam. Replacements: T Nu'ualitia, F Seena, T Faamasino, J Paramore, S Lemamea, T Sio.

Chalmers: no practice

Crossan is ruled out by injury

From BRYAN STILES
IN DUBLIN

KEITH Crossan, the Ireland left wing, is out of the World Cup quarter-final against Australia at Lansdowne Road on Sunday because of damaged ankle ligaments and tendinitis. Jack Clarke, the Irish utility back, has been called in to fill the gap.

Ireland are likely to feel the loss of Crossan's services acutely, since his speed in attack and fierce tackling have served his country well. He has been an automatic choice for the past seven seasons.

Clarke is not a specialist wing, although he scored a try from that position when making his international debut in the 21-21 draw against Wales in the last five nations' championship. Coping with having to play out of position in an international is tricky enough, but, to add to his problems, he has been handed the unnerving task of containing David Campese.

Clarke is probably still having nightmares over the way he allowed Yoshida, the little Japanese wing, to swerve around him last week and run half the length of the field to create one of the best tries of the competition. Clarke was deputising for the injured Simon Geoghegan on the right wing in that match.

He knows if he allows Campese the same amount of room, the Australian will have a field day. With Ralph Keyes, the stand-off half, and Neil Francis, the second row lineout specialist, reporting fit after minor injuries, Ireland were able to name their first choice players for the other 14 positions. Apart from Clarke, the team is that which lost their last Pool 2 game 24-15 to Scotland.

IRELAND: J Staples; S Geoghegan, D Curtis, B Mullin, J Clarke; R Keyes, R Saunders; N Popplewell, S Smith, D Fitzgerald, P Matthews (captain), O Lenihan, N Francis, G Hamilton, B Robinson. Replacements: K Murphy, V Cunningham, F Aherne, T Kingston, G Halpin, N Mannion.

Anxious wait for All Blacks

From CHRIS THAU IN LILLE

A MOUNTING injury toll has forced New Zealand to take the unusual step of announcing a provisional side for their quarter-final against Canada here on Sunday.

If Terry Wright, the full back who has pulled a hamstring, does not recover in time, his place will go to John Timu, the Otago winger, who would be playing at full back for the first time since his high-school days.

With Shane Philpott, the reserve full back, also nursing a pulled hamstring, the New Zealanders have called for Kieran Crowley, the Taranaki full back, to join the 26 players in France.

"It's a difficult situation but we have had no option but to ask for a back-up player," John Hart, the coach, said. "We sought the approval of the relevant people but if Wright and Philpott recover, Crowley may not even play.

"We have not ruled out anyone yet. The cut off point is Monday. If we win and neither of the two makes progress we might have to ask the Irish to accept us with 27 players."

Timu's lack of experience at full back is a cause for concern in the New Zealand party. He trained yesterday in pouring rain and an equally heavy downpour of balls kicked at him by Hart and Bachop, the scrum half, but was calm and unflinching under the high ball.

"Though we still hope that Terry [Wright] will recover by Sunday, and we are ready to wait until the morning, realistically we have to accept that Timu will start the game," Hart said.

Grant Fox, the stand-off half, has missed two training sessions with an aggravated groin injury, but is certain to start the game against Canada.

The front five which played in the game against England is retained for the fourteenth time in 15 international matches, with Gary Whetton, the skipper, winning his 56th cap to break the Colin Meads's record and become New Zealand's most capped player. In the back row, Michael Jones, whose religious beliefs prevent him from playing on Sunday, is replaced by the Otago open-side flanker, Paul Henderson.

Alex Wyllie, the coach, said New Zealand were prepared for a difficult game. "Canada are a young and ambitious team. They have accomplished what they have come here for and from now on they have nothing to lose," he said.

NEW ZEALAND: T Wright or J Timu; J Kirwan, C Innes, B McCahill, J Timu or V Tuigamala; G Fox, G Bachop; S McDowell, S Fitzpatrick, R Loe, A Whetton, G Whetton (capt), I Jones, P Henderson, Z Brooke.

The need to plough more money back

Tom Pendry, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party sports committee, explains the need for a Charter for Sport

WITH the launch yesterday by Neil Kinnock of the Charter for Sport, Labour elevated sport and recreation to a new and justifiable height in the political arena. In doing so, Labour showed that it retained the high ground for sport that it has occupied since the 1960s, when it created the Sports Council and gave Britain its first — and finest — minister for sport, Denis Howell.

The charter recognises both the social and economic importance of sport. The contribution that sport makes to the national economy, generating some £9 billion of consumer expenditure each year, is often overlooked.

Likewise, the significant role that sport plays in reducing the burden on the National Health Service through promoting good health and, as the nation's "most under-rated social service", in offering youngsters a positive outlet for their energies and enthusiasm, has long been recognised by health experts, doctors and probation workers.

Yet, sport has often fallen down the political agenda for government priorities for action. For Britain, which has given so many sports to the world, that should be a source of much shame. We have given the lead to international sport in so many ways — we should not be left behind by other countries when it comes to government backing.

The charter is a sign that things are changing, but no one should imagine that the process should stop here.

For government policy towards sport has too often been a piecemeal reaction to particular issues — disasters at sporting venues or a perceived need to restrict alcohol sales at sporting events, for example. Such an approach has meant that there has been no positive, pro-active strategy for sport. As a result, politics has been regarded with unease by many sportsmen and women, regarding it as meddling or inappropriate. That is understandable, if regrettable.

The charter sets out a positive vision of what sport and recreation is, and what it can become. It demonstrates that things can be different. Its ethos is to provide an environment within which all our citizens can develop their sporting potential to whatever individual level they feel is most appropriate.

The people will be given a greater role in the provision and use of recreational facilities. It is time that the wealth and expertise possessed by those for whom sport is in many ways a passion is harnessed for the good of their sports. Throughout sport, supporter representation and involvement will be promoted.

For some, only a lack of guidance and encouragement prevents them from taking the sporting plunge. A national system of sports development officers, with enthusiasm and the necessary leadership qualities, will be established to overcome this. Sport in the community really will become a natural and feasible choice for all.

Sport's subsidy of the government has been too high for too long. At present, the treasury receives from sport five times the amount which the Chancellor gives to it. Furthermore, the government has cut, over the past five years alone, a staggering £59.3 million from sports-funding through aid to the Sports Councils and support through the Urban Programme, with further cuts planned for the future. As a result, provision is under serious threat and sport faces a financial crisis.

It is time that was changed. A comprehensive review of all aspects of sport's finance will be undertaken to ensure that a fairer proportion of the money taken out of sport goes back into sport. This will be achieved through both direct government assistance and partnership with the private sector.

Of course, such a major review will not be completed overnight. That is why mandatory rate relief to all voluntary sports clubs will be immediately introduced to get money through to the grass roots — effectively and directly.

As a minister in the North of Ireland office during the last Labour government, I was proud to introduce mandatory rate relief for sports clubs in the province and I know of the enormous boost that that brought to sport there. Now that help will be extended throughout Britain.

The Charter for Sport shows that sport's time has arrived on the political stage. Now it is up to all of us — politicians and sportspersons alike — to make its dream a reality.

☐ *Tom Pendry is Labour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde.*

HOCKEY

British women face China in showdown

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

GREAT Britain's women held on to a third-minute lead to beat Canada 1-0 in their penultimate game of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Auckland yesterday.

With a top-two finish in the section ensuring Olympic places, the situation in Britain's group could hardly be tighter, with Argentina, Britain and China on equal points. Argentina lead Britain by a goal difference of one, with China four goals inferior.

Britain must beat China in their final group match to guarantee an Olympic place, but even a loss could be sufficient if Canada beat Argentina.

The third and fourth countries in each group will play off for the fifth qualifying place, but Ireland, who lost 2-1 to China, are out of contention.

Against Canada, Val Hallam, Britain's reserve goalkeeper, was the only fit substitute remaining as the injury list grew. The gamble of playing Karen Brown, injured on Tuesday, lasted only until she retired early in the second half.

Shortly before the interval, Vickey Dixon was taken off after collapsing with dehydration. Nevertheless, Britain had the edge on difficult opponents almost throughout but were thankful for Kathy Johnson's goal at their first short corner and a late goalline save from Wendy Fraser.

Mirnawan Nawawi scored four goals as Malaysia mastered the United States 9-0, on a day of high scoring in the men's tournament. Belgium overwhelmed Switzerland 6-0, while Argentina beat Italy 5-0. India, without Jagbir Singh, their injured forward, could only draw, 0-0, with France.

RESULTS: Women: Pool B: Argentina 5, Italy 0; Great Britain 1, Canada 0; China 2, Ireland 1. Positions (after 4 games): 1, Argentina, 6pts; Great Britain, 6; China, 6; Canada, 5; Italy, 1; Ireland, 1. Men: Pool B: France 0, India 0; Belgium 6, Switzerland 0; Malaysia 9, United States 0.

CYCLING

Cammish warms to the task

By PETER BRYAN

IAN Cammish, shivering with cold after breaking the British 25-mile and 50-mile straight-out records yesterday, deserved his inner glow of satisfaction. Twenty five miles in 41min 21sec (36mph), and 50 in 1hr 24min 32sec (35mph) should ensure that he holds the records for quite a while.

Cammish, who turned professional for Raleigh in 1990 after dominating amateur time-trials for a decade, had a 30mph west-southwest wind for the route he had chosen from Alconbury to Bury St Edmunds. He had a cross-wind on his right shoulder for the first few miles, but the road direction soon changed in his favour.

Cammish shunned the use of disc wheels, but, as convention demands, fitted tri-bars. His choice of gears — with a top of 136 inches — was as much a key to his success as the wind.

He had planned to leave the 50-mile attempt to today if he beat the 25-mile record, but his speed and confidence were such that he raced non-stop into the 50-mile section 1min 16sec ahead of Dave Lloyd's 1974 record.

Cammish was feeling the cold so much that he did not risk drinking from the one bottle of liquid he carried, in case it gave him stomach cramps. Most of the time, he was counting his pedal revolutions. "When the going was most favourable, I was turning the pedals at 110 revolutions a minute," he said.

Cammish reduced the 50-mile record of Peter Longbottom by 5min 42sec. This season, he has captured 57 events and national road and track records.

☐ A five-man British squad is likely to be the first national sports team to visit South Africa since the International Olympic Committee (IOC) lifted its ban on competition with the republic. The team will race in the 12-day Rapport Tour, starting in Bloemfontein on Tuesday.

Ian Emmerson, the British Cycling Federation president, said: "We are the first competitors in an Olympic sport to go there since the ban was imposed in 1970. Emmerson will be an observer for the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), the sport's governing body. "We know that there is mixing of races in the sport, but it will be something that I have to confirm," he said.

The team is: John Charlesworth, Gary Speight, Matthew Illingworth, Richard Prebble and Dylan Williams.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan meet Dewsbury in Trophy

THERE were mixed feelings for Maurice Lindsay, the chairman of Wigan, at Salford yesterday when his team were drawn at home to Dewsbury, of the third division, in the preliminary round of the Regal Trophy on November 3 (Keith Macklin writes). Lindsay was relieved that Wigan did not have to face strong first division opposition, but disturbed that another fixture had to be taken on board when the Central Park club is struggling with its worst ever run of injuries.

A further problem for Wigan is the clash between the preliminary round and the Wigan v Leeds match in the Stones Bitter championship. There is little doubt that the Leeds match, which is scheduled for television kick-off time of 6.15pm, will get priority with the Regal Trophy tie with Dewsbury rearranged for midweek.

The holders of the trophy, Warrington, have pulled out the glamour tie of the opening rounds. They have drawn Leeds at Wilderspool.

REGAL TROPHY: Preliminary round: Rochdale Hornets v Widnes; Wigan v Dewsbury; Hull v Leigh; Sheffield Eagles v Scarborough Pirates; Saddleworth Rangers v Workington Town; Leigh East v Chorley. *(Ties to be played on Sunday, November 3).* First round: Hull or Leigh v Batley; Doncaster v Whitehaven; Halifax v Barrow; Bradford Northern v Leigh East or Chorley; Oldham v London Crusaders; Bramley v Featherstone Rovers; Nottingham City v Wakefield Trinity; Salford v Trafford Borough; Swinton v Wigan or Dewsbury; Warrington v Leeds; Keighley Cougars v Hunslet; Rochdale Hornets or Widnes v Saddleworth Rangers or Workington Town; Highfield v Carlisle; Huddersfield v St Helens; Hull Kingston Rovers v Castleford; Ryedale York v Sheffield Eagles or Scarborough Pirates. *(Ties to be played on weekend of November 16 and 17)*

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Second division
Tranmere v Cambridge Utd .....
Third division
Stockport v Chester .....
Fourth division
Aldershot v Rotherham .....

GM Vauxhall Conference
Telford v Colchester (7.45) .....

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Athlone (7.45).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Norwich v Watford.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Bath v London Scottish (7.15) .....
Boroughmuir v Stewart's Mel FP (7.0)
Bridgend v Glamorgan Wdrs (7.15) ..
Ebbw Vale v Newport (7.0) .....
Kelso v Selkirk (7.15) .....

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play Championship (Wentworth).
SNOOKER: Rothmans grand prix (Reading).

Richardson falls at first hurdle in the World Match Play championship

Montgomerie opens in style

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IAN STEWART

Sand blaster: Richardson attempts to play his way out of trouble during his first-round defeat at Wentworth

COLIN Montgomerie will meet Nick Faldo in the quarter-finals of the Toyota World Match Play championship after he overcame Mark Calcavecchia 5 and 4 yesterday on the West Course at Wentworth.

The Scot, who is on the threshold of becoming a standard-bearer for British golf over the next ten years, knows his match against Faldo will give the nation more evidence of which to judge his progress, yet he will tee-off against Faldo, twice winner of the Open and twice the Masters champion, convinced that his attitude has improved so much in the last 12 months that he can win a place in the last four.

"A year ago, I would have been frightened about playing Faldo," Montgomerie said yesterday, "but not now. I've tested my game at the highest level in the last year, although I know I will need to hole-out well to beat Nick."

Montgomerie did putt well against Calcavecchia. He holed from 13 feet at the 2nd hole in the afternoon for a birdie to stop the American going ahead and two-putted the 18th from 25 feet while his opponent missed from six.

Montgomerie, two holes up at the lunch interval, won six holes out of seven from the third (21st) in the afternoon before a late rally by Calcavecchia reduced the Scot's winning margin to 5 and 4.

Calcavecchia, without a tournament win since the Open in 1989, said: "I'm not sure that I deserved to be here. Tough day? It's been a tough year. It's no secret I've not played well. I was just happy to be invited."

The howling wind, gusting up to 40mph, made scoring difficult, although neither Calcavecchia or Tom Purtzer, who lost to his American compatriot, Billy Andrade, can feel happy with the way they played. Purtzer, like Calcavecchia, took 42 strokes to play the outward half in the afternoon, which is where he lost his chance. Andrade, who eventually won 3 and 2, will now play Ian Woosnam, the defending champion.

"I don't feel under any pressure," Andrade said. "I've nothing to be afraid of because the odds are all in Ian's favour. But I watched Ian in the Ryder Cup and he didn't seem to have the putter going."

Steve Richardson's hopes of a prolonged run ended when he was beaten 5 and 3 by Nick Price. Even so, Price produced easily the best golf of the first round and he was six under par for the six par fives he played.

It was at the long fourth, in the afternoon, where Price virtually condemned Richardson to a premature departure. There he hit a superb four iron to within nine feet from where he holed for an eagle three. It took him four up and the gallant Richardson could not respond.

Fred Couples became the second American to reach the quarter-finals when he moved past Joe Ozaki 4 and 3. He will now play Severiano Ballesteros today. "I hit some bad shots but I hung in," Couples said. "I'm looking forward to playing Seve."

HOLE-BY-HOLE GUIDE TO THE FIRST ROUND AT WENTWORTH

West Course, Wentworth: Par 72 (6,945 yards): Outward nine — 36 (3,361 yards); Inward nine — 36 (3,584 yards)

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Yards	471	155	452	501	191	344	399	398	450	186	376	483	441	179	466	380	571	502	
Par	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	
T Purtzer (US) (8)	5	3	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	3	5	5	5	3	4	5	4	4	
W Andrade (US)	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	3	5	4	4	4	2 up
F Couples (US) (5)	4	3	3	3	2	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	3 up
N Ozaki (Japan)	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	5	
M Calcavecchia (US) (6)	5	2	5	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	
C Montgomerie (Scot)	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	2 up
N Price (Zim) (7)	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	5	5	4 up
S Richardson (Eng)	4	3	5	6	3	4	4	5	5	2	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	5	

Hole	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	Result
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S Richardson (Eng)	4	3	4	4	2	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	5				

Birdies from Edwards keep the lead intact

By JOHN HENNESSY

SPENCER Edwards, a young Kings Norton golfer, surpassed even his first round performance when the Golf Plus PGA fourball championship continued at East Sussex National.

On Wednesday, he had rattled in four birdies at the side of his more experienced partner, Mike Deeley, of Matlock. Yesterday he recorded six, five of them in a purple passage of six holes. Only the third escaped, and even there his putt from 25ft lipped the hole. Otherwise it was an inconsistent round for both partners, who emerged with a 69, three under par and a stroke more than the day before.

Their total of 137 was four better than Simon Sherratt and Christopher Harries, both from the Scraptoft Club in Leicestershire.

After the leaders had dropped two shots in their first four holes, it required an outrageous putt, more than a cricket pitch in length over a ridge, to bring in their first birdie, from Deeley at the 14th.

LEADING SCORES: 137: M Deeley (Matlock) and S Edwards (Kings Norton), 68, 69. 141: S Sherratt and C Harries (Scraptoft), 72, 69. 142: A Limb (Phoenix) and M Higginbottom (Hallamshire) 71, 71; P Evans (Kingsdown) and G Davies (Pontypool) 74, 68; P Harrison (Newby Grange) and D Curry (Hexham) 74, 68; D Scholes and M Gray (Stand) 70, 72. 143: S Ward and L Rawlings (Oadby) 76, 67; K Bowden (Lee-on-the-Solent) and R Edwards (Portsmouth) 72, 71; S Betteridge (Retford) and C Jepson (Nottingham City) 67, 74. 144: B Dunbar (Easter Moffat) and A McCloskey (Airdrie) 69, 75; N Burch (unattached) and M Inglis (Karomer) 71, 73; I Harrison and A Prichard (Ross-on-Wye) 72, 72.

Strokeplayers fail to adjust

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN CARIMATE

PROFESSIONAL golfers hate matchplay and the mayhem wreaked in the first round of the Woolmark matchplay championship here to the north of Milan, yesterday gave a fair indication why.

Gone was Laura Davies. Deleted was Marie-Laure de Lorenzi. Excised was Alison Nicholas. Wiped out was Penny Grice-Whittaker. Besieged was the man making the travel arrangements.

Davies, who has what the Americans call an attitude problem when it comes to matchplay, was handily beaten by Maria Navarro, of Spain, and summed up her performance succinctly if unprintably. The Spaniard, who was not in the least bit surprised to win, calculated that she was two under par when the match ended on the 15th, where Davies, five or six, or nine, over par, depending on when you talked to her, took three putts. Six down after ten, Davies won three of the next four holes, to no avail.

Lora Fairclough, from Lancashire, lived up to her reputation as "the baby-faced killer" by beating de Lorenzi, who was so often at odds with her putter, by three and two.

"It was like playing against Seve," Fairclough — in her first year as a professional — said. "Even on the practice ground, she has such an aura about her. She makes anybody feel inferior. I couldn't really sleep and if I dreamt about the match once I dreamt about it a hundred times."

Viva il strokeplay, the vanquished cry.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS (GB and I unless stated): C Dibnah (Aus) bt K Mollerstedt (Swe), 19th; F Dassu (It) bt A Shapcott, 3 and 2; X Wunsch (Sp) bt L Hackney, 2 and 1; J Arnold (NZ) bt N Way, 1 hole; K Espinasse (Fr) bt P Grice-Whittaker, 2 and 1; P Gonzalez (Col) bt J Furby, 4 and 2; J Forbes bt S Robinson, 5 and 4; S Strudwick bt B New, 6 and 5; J Germa (SA) bt A Nicholas, 3 and 2; J Kinloch bt N Hall (Aus), 4 and 2. S Gronberg (Swe) bt S Moon (US), 20th; L Maritz (SA) bt K Pearce (Aus), 5 and 3; A Dibos (Peru) bt T Abitbol (Sp), 2 and 1; T Johnson bt S Prosser, 3 and 2; H Dobson bt S Elliott, 4 and 3; L Fairclough bt M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 3 and 2; M Navarro (Sp) bt L Davies, 4 and 3; M Garner bt S Keogh, 1 hole; A Jones (Aus) bt R Lautens (Swi), 19th; M Lunn (Aus) bt C Panton-Lewis, 2 and 1; C Nilsmark (Swe) bt D Dowling, 4 and 2; C Duffy bt D Hutton (Aus), 1 hole. P Wright bt E Quelhas (Fr), 3 and 2; K Douglas bt R Comstock (US), 6 and 5; S Nicklin bt D Barnard, 3 and 2; A Sheard (SA) bt J Soulsby, 6 and 4; K Marshall bt K Dallas, 4 and 3; L Wen-Lin (Tai) bt C Soules (Fr), 1 hole; G Stewart bt R Hast, 6 and 4; H Wadsworth bt M Spencer-Devlin (US), 3 and 2; K Leadbetter (US) bt P Conley (US), 23rd; D Reid bt J Hill (Zim), 1 hole.

FOOTBALL

Yorath under fire over gamble that backfired

By CLIVE WHITE

SO MUCH for Welsh football's dream of supplanting rugby as the country's national sport. The 4-1 defeat in Nuremberg on Wednesday must have been every bit as painful for the Principality to watch as those recent humiliating reverses in the Rugby World Cup.

Terry Yorath, the Welsh manager, has been rightfully feted during the past 12 months as his team climbed to a position at the head of group five in the European championship, where we dared to imagine they might qualify for the finals at the expense of Germany. That in itself is a measure of the progress this small nation has made under the stewardship of Yorath.

Yesterday, the bouquets turned to brickbats as Yorath was forced to face up to the accusations that he had blundered tactically in his choice of reserves for a match it was essential that Wales drew, if they were to sustain the impossible dream.

The double blow of losing David Phillips and Clayton Blackmore, both right backs, had placed him in a dilemma. Whoever he co-opted into the position he was going to have to gamble.

In the event, Yorath chose Gavin Maguire, a central defender, who has played just two second division games this season, to face the likes of Andreas Brehme and Thomas Doll. It was a mismatch of frightening proportions and, not surprisingly, it proved to be catastrophic for Wales.

Maguire's performance went rapidly downhill from the moment he was booked for an inexcusably late tackle on Brehme in the fourteenth minute. He was directly responsible for Germany's second and third goals before Yorath decided, at half-time, that it would be prudent to substitute the unfortunate soul.

It was probably unwise of Yorath, too, to allow himself to become embroiled in another mincing of words with Berti Vogts, the German coach. This, after all, was Nuremberg, not Cardiff.

Similarly, when questioned on the eve of the game whether Germany were still the best, it was inadvisable of him to state quite so firmly "not now", though quite on what basis he arrived at that opinion is unclear. What with the Welsh supporters chanting: "There's only one Winston Churchill", the Germans did not want for motivation.

Without wishing to trample upon Welsh feelings at this sensitive time, one has to say that Germany were so wickedly good that it would be calamitous indeed if they, like the Italians, were prematurely eliminated from this competition. Wales's destiny is now in the hands of others, Belgium and Luxembourg, who have only their pride to play for against Germany.

Even in the unlikely event of either of these countries taking a point from the world champions, there is still the small matter of Wales winning handsomely against Luxembourg in their final game next month. Without the services of Dean Saunders and Barry Horne, who are both suspended, that may not be quite the formality that some think.

Saunders, who was sent off for aiming a kick at Doll, faces a suspension of up to five matches, which would rule him out of the entire first phase of the finals in Sweden, should Wales qualify.

GROUP FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	5	3	1	1	7	6	7
Germany	4	3	0	1	8	4	6
Belgium	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

RESULTS: Wales 3, Belgium 1; Luxembourg 2, Germany 3; Luxembourg 0, Wales 1; Belgium 3, Luxembourg 0; Belgium 1, Wales 1; Germany 1, Belgium 0; Wales 1, Germany 0; Luxembourg 0, Belgium 2; Germany 4, Wales 1.
FIXTURES: November 13: Wales v Luxembourg. November 20: Belgium v Germany. December 17: Germany v Luxembourg.

Charlton sees reason to hope

By PETER BALL

JACK Charlton enjoys being contrary, and while his team were yesterday ruing the cost of their failure to reap the rewards of the outstanding displays by a British or Irish international team in recent years, their manager insisted, yet again, that a draw in Poland may have been more to Ireland's advantage than a win.

"It means Poland still have something to play for next month, so that England will go there under pressure to get a result," Charlton said. That may be clutching at straws after Poland had been utterly outplayed by the Republic. There was little to suggest that they can beat England as they will have to do, but that perhaps is to underrate Ireland's stunning performance, a five-man midfield proving the springboard for a display of attacking football completely at odds with the traditional view of their approach.

That at least offered some consolation, but it did not convince Charlton's players, who were furious at their failure yet again to turn their evident superiority into a win. It is hard to argue with their widespread conviction that they are the best team in the group.

"We've thrown this group away," a disconsolate Tony Cascarino said after the match. Andy Townsend was equally unhappy. "We should be running away with this group, yet we're barely hanging on," he said.

Townsend was the centre of a midfield that will be at the height of its powers as one of the best in Europe next year, and the prospect of team going to the United States rather than Sweden next June is a sad one.

American plans for a summer tournament as a foretaste of the World Cup are well advanced, with Spain and Italy poised to join the Republic or another European team and the United States in Boston. Whether eight teams will be involved, with four South American countries forming a separate group in Los Angeles, has not yet been confirmed.

Much, of course, will depend on the attitude of the Poles next month, but there was a faint glimmer of hope for the Irish in the words of the Celtic defender, Darius Wdowczyk. "We don't think England will give us hard a game as Ireland did and that could be our big chance," he said.

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
Rep of Ire	5	1	4	0	10	5	6
Poland	5	2	2	1	7	5	6
Turkey	5	0	0	5	0	11	0

RESULTS: England 2, Poland 0; Republic of Ireland 5, Turkey 0; Republic of Ireland 1, England 1; Turkey 0, Poland 1; England 1, Republic of Ireland 1; Poland 3, Turkey 0; Republic of Ireland 0, Poland 0; Turkey 0, England 1; Poland 3, Republic of Ireland 3; England 1, Turkey 0.
FIXTURES: November 13: Turkey v Republic of Ireland; Poland v England.

Scotland earn small glimmer of hope

By RODDY FORSYTH

THE evening before Scotland's vital European championship qualifying tie against Romania in Bucharest on Wednesday, Andy Roxburgh, the Scottish coach, suggested a defeat would be better than a draw.

Roxburgh argued that a draw would deprive Romania of any chance of qualifying and render them without motive to resist during Switzerland's final group two fixture in Bucharest next month, thus effectively jeopardising Scotland's chances of reaching the finals. Now, the Romanians claim they intend to fulfil their status as favourites to win the qualifying group.

Of course, Switzerland can conclude all speculation by earning a victory in Bucharest on November 13, a result which would put them beyond the reach of the other contenders. Should they draw they could be overtaken by Scotland but only in the event of Scotland beating San Marino 11-0 at Hampden Park on the same evening.

Uli Stielike, manager of Switzerland, now says he will ask Uefa to arrange the same kick-off times for the two matches.

However, the Romanians intend to kick off two hours ahead of the Hampden match and Roxburgh said yesterday: "Who does Uli Stielike think he is kidding? The timing of the kick-off of their match is nothing to do with Switzerland. The Romanian football association will decide when the game starts and the Swiss will simply have to follow the usual practice and fall in with it."

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	7	4	2	1	19	6	10
Scotland	7	3	3	1	10	7	9
Bulgaria	7	3	2	2	14	7	8
Romania	6	3	1	2	11	6	7
San Marino	7	0	0	7	1	29	0

RESULTS: Scotland 2, Romania 1; Switzerland 2, Bulgaria 0; Romania 0, Bulgaria 3; Scotland 2, Switzerland 1; Bulgaria 1, Scotland 1; San Marino 0, Switzerland 4; Romania 6, San Marino 0; Scotland 1, Bulgaria 1; San Marino 1, Romania 3; Switzerland 0, Romania 0; Bulgaria 2, Switzerland 3; San Marino 0, Scotland 2; San Marino 0, Bulgaria 3; Switzerland 7, San Marino 0; Switzerland 2, Scotland 2; Romania 1, Scotland 0; Bulgaria 4, San Marino 0.
FIXTURES: November 13: Romania v Switzerland; Scotland v San Marino. November 20: Bulgaria v Romania.

IN BRIEF

Lancia in top three

DIDIER Auriol, Massimo Biasion and Dario Cerrato drove Lancia cares to first, second and third places in the San Remo rally, the ninth event of the 1991 world championship.

Auriol's win lifted him to third place in the drivers' championship.

☐ The German manufacturer, Porsche, has scrapped plans to return to Formula One motor racing next year. Porsche withdrew from the circuit in June.

☐ Max Mosley, the newly-elected president of Fisa, the international motor sports federation, has endorsed the idea of staging two Formula One grands prix in Japan.

BASEBALL: The Atlanta Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 1-0 to force a seventh, deciding match in their National League play-off. The winners will meet the Minnesota Twins in the World Series.

BOXING: Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, has been given a second chance to challenge for the WBC world featherweight championship against Marcos Villesana, of Mexico.

ICE HOCKEY: Murrayfield Racers have been heavily fined by the British Ice Hockey Association for bringing the game into disrepute by using an ineligible player in their Autumn Cup match against Fife Flyers last month.

TENNIS: The Wimbledon champion, Steffi Graf, has recovered from strained tendons in her right wrist and will compete in the Midland Banks women's tournament which starts at Brighton on Tuesday.

YACHTING: Penny Way, the women's world windsurfing champion, has suffered a blow in her preparations for the Olympic Games with the loss of one her sponsors, Daihatsu.

SNOOKER

Ebdon proves a point by beating Knowles

By PHILIP YATES

PETER Ebdon, thought by many to be the best prospect to emerge from the amateur ranks since Stephen Hendry, collected his first world ranking point by beating Tony Knowles, the sixteenth seed, 5-3 in the Rothmans grand prix in Reading yesterday.

Ebdon, the world junior champion last year, from Islington, reached the fifth round with a typically flamboyant performance in which he made no attempt to compromise the potting skills that are his trademark.

The accomplished oboeist and lifeguard, who also represented north London schools in cricket, disproves the popularly held theory that snooker's newcomers do not possess character.

Sporting a pony-tail, and adopting his usual cavalier approach against Knowles, Ebdon, aged 21, was manna from heaven for a game fearful of being swamped by an army of faceless, if talented, automatons.

Ebdon attained a consistently high level of scoring and disposed of Knowles with contributions of 57, 99, 64 and 64. He now makes his television debut on Sunday against his fellow rookie, Paul Davies, a semi-finalist in the Dubai Duty Free Classic last week, who beat Danny Fowler, of Worksop, 5-1.

Joe Johnson, the 1986 world champion, who is playing snooker again after suffering a heart attack four months ago, also progressed into the televised phase with a 5-2 win over Warren King, of Australia.

YACHTING

Seeds struggle early

Bermuda — Eddie Warden Owen is paired against Peter Isler, of the United States, in today's quarter-finals of the Omega Gold Cup match race championship here.

The British skipper, who moves to San Diego to coach the New Zealand America's Cup team next week, was one of the few seeds to have an easy passage through the first round on Wednesday, when the Italian America's Cup skipper, Paul Cayard, suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of Kevin Mahaney, the North American Soling champion. Another to be knocked out was Chris Law.

☐ The America's Cup trustees committee has rejected the San Diego Yacht Club's attempt to force challengers to nominate their yachts by December 20, before some designs may be complete. The challengers now need not name their boats until the eve of the Louis Vuitton selection trials on January 25.

RESULTS: First round: E Warden Owen (GB) bt M Wieser (Ger), 3-0; C Dickson (Japan) bt J Diesch (Ger), 3-0; P Isler (US) bt B Walker (Bermuda), 3-0; K Mahaney (US) bt P Cayard (US), 3-1; R Coutts (NZ) bt C Law (GB), 3-1; V Bandolowski (Den) bt P Campos (Sp), 3-1; J Bank (Den) bt M Holmberg (Swe), 3-1; R Davis (NZ) bt P Simmons (Bermuda), 3-0.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

SOLROED: Danish Open championships: Men's singles: First round: M Soegaard (Den) bt K Scott (Scot), 15-9, 15-9; S Butler (Eng) bt S Nielsen (Den), 18-14, 7-15, 15-10; A Nielsen (Eng) bt R Liljequist (Fin), 15-3, 15-7. Women's singles: First round: P Nedergaard (Den) bt G Martin (Scot), 11-2, 11-3; Park Soo-yun (S Kor) bt H Troke (Eng), 12-10, 11-8.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship series: Atlanta Braves 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 0 (best-of-seven series level 3-3).

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCHES: International trial: South-East England 0, Inner London and Middlesex 1. British Gas Trophy: Second round: Mid-Oxon 2, Vale of White Horse 3; Southampton 7, Portsmouth 0. Cafferky under-19 cup: Walsall 2, Erdington 2.
SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP: Quarter-finals, first legs: Peñarol (Uru) 3, Santos (Br) 0; Cruzeiro (Br) 4, Nacional (Uru) 0; River Plate (Arg) 1, Flamengo (Br) 0; Independiente (Arg) 1, Olimpia (Par) 1.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUES: São Paulo: Green group: Corinthians 3, Mogi Mirim 1; Bragantino 2, America (São Paulo) 1; Guarani 2, Novorizontino 1; XV de Piracicaba 3, Ferroviaria 1; Ituano 1, Portuguesa 0; Botafogo 1, Palmeiras 1. Yellow group: Internacional (São Paulo) 1, Marilia 0; Catanduvense 0, São José 1; Olimpia 2, Santo André 1; Sãocarlense 0, Ponte Preta 0; Rio Branco 2, São Bento 0.
Late results on Wednesday
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Czechoslovakia 2, Albania 1 (in Olomouc). Group two: Romania 1, Scotland 0 (in Bucharest). Group four: Northern Ireland 2, Austria 1 (at Windsor Park); Faeroe Islands 0, Yugoslavia 2 (in Landskrona, Sweden).

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	7	6	0	1	22	4	12
Denmark	7	5	1	1	16	6	11
N Ireland	7	2	3	2	10	9	7
Austria	7	1	1	5	6	12	3
Faeroe Is	8	1	1	6	3	26	3

Group five: Germany 4, Wales 1 (in Nuremberg). Group six: Netherlands 1, Portugal 0 (in Rotterdam). Group seven: England 1, Turkey 0 (at Wembley); Poland 3, Republic of Ireland 3 (in Poznan).
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group three: Soviet Union 1, Italy 1 (in Simferopol). Group six: Malta 1, Finland 3 (in Valletta).
OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFYING MATCH: Group eight: Sweden 2, Israel 1 (in Vaxjo).
FA CUP: Third qualifying round, replays: Denaby 1, Guiseley 2; VS Rugby 3, Chasetown 0; Chesham 2, Braxedown 1; Tonbridge 2, Hampton 1 (abandoned 80min; floodlight failure).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Chesham v Carshalton. First division: Molesey 2, Chalfont St Peter 1; Uxbridge 2, Whyteleafe 0. Second division: Newbury 1, Banstead Athletic 3. Third division: Edgware 3, Chertsey 1; Royston 1, Hornchurch 0; Tring 2, Collier Row 1.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Frickley v Bishop Auckland. First division: Alfreton 3, Harrogate 3; Congleton 0, Colwyn Bay 1; Radcliffe Borough 2, Lancaster City 3.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 2, Barnsley 0; Newcastle 2, Leeds 2; Nottingham Forest 2, Bradford City 0; Sunderland 1, Bolton 4; West Bromwich 0, Manchester United 1. Second division: Blackpool 3, Derby 1; Huddersfield 2, Burnley 0; Hull 3, Oldham 3; Leicester 1, York 0; Port Vale 1, Mansfield 1; Scunthorpe 0, Notts County 1; Wolverhampton Wanderers 4, Preston 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton 1, Chelsea 4; Fulham 1, Portsmouth 3; Ipswich 3, Oxford United 1; Wimbledon 1, Watford 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 1, Tiverton 0; Saltash 3, Exmouth 1; Torrington 0, Liskeard 1. Postponed: Chippenham v Frome. Les Phillips Cup: Wellington 0, Bridport 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Winterton 2, Belper 1; Sutton Town 0, Stocksbridge 0.
WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Brentford 1, Aldershot 1; Colchester 2, Wealdstone 2; Leyton Orient 1, Southend 0.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Cinderford 4, Pegasus Juniors 1; Shortwood 1, Milton 3.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Histon 0, Wisbech 2; Norwich Utd 2, Thetford 1.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Amateur Football Alliance 2, Cambridge University 1.

CYCLING

TOUR OF PIEDMONT (193km): 1, D Abdoujaparov (USSR), 4hr 27min 15sec; 2, F Moncassin (Fr); 3, S Moreels (Bel); 4, R Verdonck (Bel); 5, R Aldag (Ger). British and Irish placings: 104, R Millar (GB); 114, S Kelly (Ire), both same time.

GOLF

ORLANDO, Florida: Walt Disney tournament: First round (US unless stated): 65: S Elkington (Aus), L Nelson, C Pavin. 66: M O'Meara, D Waldorf. 67: J Blake, J McGovern, G Twiggs, N Henke. 68: H Sutton, R Cochran, D Barr, M Dawson, B Fleisher, C Parry, R Gamez, D Peoples, F Zoeller, K Perry.
SHIZUOKA, Japan: Golf Digest tournament: First round (Japan unless stated): 65: A Yokoyama. 67: M Ozaki, T Ueno, Y Isomura, H Meshiai, N Yoshino, H Yasuda. 68: H Kase, S Okuda, H Namiki, G Norman (Aus).

Marshall: defeated world No. 3 in New York squash

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 5, Buffalo Sabres 1; New York Rangers 4, New Jersey Devils 2; Hartford Whalers 3, Winnipeg Jets 2; Los Angeles Kings 8, San Jose Sharks 5.

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO RALLY: Final positions: 1, D Auriol and B Occelli (Fr), Lancia Delta, 6hr 43min 29sec; 2, M Biasion and T Siviero (It), Lancia Delta, 2min 50sec behind; 3, D Cerrato and G Cerri (It), Lancia Delta, 6:41; 4, F Delecour and A C Pauwisen (Fr), Ford Sierra, 10:15; 5, A Aghini and S Farnocchia (It), Lancia Delta, 12:48; 6, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp), Toyota Celica, 13:07. British placing: 10, M Wilson and N Grist, Ford Sierra, 20:52. World drivers' championship: 1, Sainz (Sp), 131pts; 2, J Kankkunen (Fin), 123; 3, Auriol, 101. Manufacturers' championship: 1, Lancia, 134; 2, Toyota, 128; 3, Ford, 48.
CAIRO: Pharaohs Rally: 1, A Vatanen (Fin), Citroen; 2, B Waldegaard (Swe), Citroen; 3, A Ambrosino (Fr), Citroen. Motorcycles: 1, D Laporte (US), Cagiva.

POWERBOATING

LAKE WINDERMERE: Record week: course closed because of squally conditions.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Rugby (C Robards and R Carter) bt Radley (J Coutts and M Bathouse), 15-3, 15-3, 16-7, 15-10. Malvern (T Sheehan and M Hubbard) bt Clifton (G Rees and M Dawson), 4-15, 18-17, 15-9, 15-10, 15-9, 15-12.

RUGBY FIVES

SCHOOLS MATCH: Christ's Hospital 105, Rugby Fives Association 93.

RUGBY LEAGUE

NATWEST CUP: Preliminary round: Bolton IHE 40, Edgehill College 10; Durham Univ 25, Airedale CFE 42; Huddersfield Poly 4, Bradford Univ 42; North Cheshire 38, Manchester Univ 14; Exeter 15, Leicester 34; Nottingham 16, Hull 47.
UK CORRUGATED MERIT LEAGUE: Swansea Univ 18, Oxford Univ 16.
OTHER MATCH: Sheffield Poly 58, York Univ 8.

RUGBY UNION

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Wales 22, Ireland 15 (at Newport).
CLUB MATCH: Headingley 7, Wakefield 18.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Oakham 8, Worksop 0; Sherborne 30, Bryanston 6; Sutton Valence 15, Duke of York's 0.

SNOOKER

READING: Rothmans grand prix: Fourth round (England unless stated): D Finbow bt J Wattana (Thai), 5-4; S Hendry (Scot) bt M Rowing, 5-4; C Wilson (Wales) bt L Dodd, 5-3; P Davies (Wales) bt D Fowler, 5-1; P Ebdon bt A Knowles, 5-3; A Jones bt M Price, 5-2; J Johnson bt W King (Aus), 5-2.

YACHTING

CANNES: Star world championship: No racing because of strong winds. Overall (after three legs): 1, A Hagen and K Falkenthal (Ger), 17.1pts; 2, R Bennamati and M Salari (It), 38.7; 3, M Reynolds and H Haenel (US), 42.7.

SQUASH RACKETS

NEW YORK: United States Open: Second round: G Watts (Can) bt T Hands (Eng), 15-9, 8-15, 17-15, 15-12; J Nicolle (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot), 6-15, 15-6, 15-9, 15-7; R Norman (NZ) bt D Meddings (Eng), 15-2, 15-17, 15-13, 10-15, 17-16; B Martin (Aus) bt Mir Zaman Gul (Pak), 15-7, 16-17, 13-15, 15-9, 15-8; R Martin (Aus) bt B Newton (Aus), 15-12, 15-12, 15-11; C Dittmar (Aus) bt H Weins (Ger), 15-3, 15-3, 15-11; P Marshall (Eng) bt C Robertson (Aus), 15-8, 15-10, 15-4; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt A Hill (Aus), 17-15, 15-7, 15-11.

TENNIS

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: First round: N Tauziat (Fr) bt P Shriver (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-1. Second round: M Navratilova (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-4, 7-5; H Sukova (Cz) bt A Frazier (US), 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz) bt N Medvedeva (USSR), 6-4, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
LYONS: Men's tournament: Second round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; O Delaitre (Fr) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; B Gilbert (US) bt E Wingradsky (Fr), 7-5, 6-1; K Curren (US) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-1, 6-2; S Bruguera (Sp) bt G Raoux (Fr), 7-6, 7-6; P Sampras (US) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-1, 6-3. Doubles: Second round: J Bates (GB) and K Curren (US) bt P Norval and S Kruger (SA), 6-4, 7-5.
VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: P Korda (Cz) bt A Honsbracher (Ger), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; H Skoff (Austria) bt R Azar (Arg), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. Second round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt E Jelen (Ger), 7-6, 6-3; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; A Krickstein (US) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 6-3, 6-4.
HONG KONG: Marlboro championships: W Ferreira (SA) bt T Ho (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; E Sánchez (Sp) bt M Jaite (Arg), 7-5, 6-3.
BOTSWANA: Men's Satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: D Isaac (US) bt A Rouse (GB), 6-4, 6-2; T Toomey (US) bt A Foster (GB), 7-6, 6-3; C Bailey (GB) bt B Curey (US), 6-4, 6-2; A Richardson (GB) bt M Maclagan (GB), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

VOLLEYBALL

CAIRO: World junior men's championship: Yugoslavia bt Argentina, 3-0; China bt Egypt, 3-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

Marshall's grip is tightened

New York — Peter Marshall, the England No. 3, with the double-handed technique, has broken into the top level of the international game in the second round of the US Open championship here where he defeated the world No. 3, Chris Robertson, of Australia, 15-8, 15-10, 15-4, in 54 minutes (Colin McQuillan writes)

Marshall, aged 20, tall, angular and increasingly powerful, dominated his junior group as a lightweight who learned to hit straight and long on both sides by using both hands on the grip. Few expected him to carry such compensatory technique successfully into the senior game.

Robertson, the reigning European Open champion universally feared as a tenacious opponent, now knows that was too hopeful. He only once led in the match, momentarily at 2-1 in the third game, and was never able to decipher Marshall's deceptive preparation in the front court. Marshall now meets Ross Norman.

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Time, gentlemen, to forget the phoney war

Camberabero: absentee

Rob Andrew, the England stand-off half, relishes the prospect of playing France at Parc des Princes in the Rugby World Cup

LAST Saturday afternoon — a Saturday in the middle of the rugby season, remember — I enjoyed a pub lunch in the autumn sunshine on the island of Jersey before wandering around the shops of St Helier. This Saturday afternoon, at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris, I expect to be involved in one of the toughest mental and physical tests I have experienced in my career. The contrast with browsing around shops seven days earlier could not be greater.

France versus England in the World Cup quarter-finals, just like the three other matches at this stage of the tournament, marks the end of the phoney war. Not that I seek to cast aspersions as to the quality of the opposition we have met so far. Not at all. But from this day on, there can be no lapses.

When we played New Zealand in our opening pool match, we knew that, even in defeat, we could still reach the final. That safeguard is no longer available to us; the feeling in the camp is, this is the real thing.

We know that we are going to have to improve significantly to beat France. Our first aim in the World Cup was to qualify for the later stages, and that we have done without playing particularly well.

We were disappointing against the United States in our final pool match, partly because eight of the players in our side had not played for three or four weeks and, given one chance to impress, those players were trying so hard to make an impact. It all affected our teamwork and pattern.

However, the Americans were no mugs. And perhaps the performance of Italy in restricting New Zealand to a 31-21 victory put into perspective our own win against the Italians. This World Cup has shown that there is now nobody you can take for granted on the international stage.

Italy were thrashed by New Zealand in the 1987 World Cup and we, too, had some easy wins four years ago. But standards have risen steeply since then and every side poses problems.

We enjoyed our break in Jersey; it was just what we wanted. But the moment we stepped off the plane in Paris on Monday, you could sense everybody was raring to go. The training session which followed was certainly tough — though reports of brawls between some of our players were, like those of Mark Twain's death, greatly exaggerated!

We have looked sharper in training this week and have had to step up a few gears. Now, we look forward to playing at the Parc des Princes. Ask the Scots, who have never won there, what they think of the place and you can anticipate their reply.

I have very happy memories of the place. We enjoy playing there, for it always has a great atmosphere. Partisan yes, but not hostile, in my experience. We won splendidly there, 26-7 last year, lost 10-9 in 1988, when we should have won comfortably, and got hammered in 1986. In 1989, I led the British Isles to victory over France on the ground.

We regard France's loss of their stand-off half, Didier Camberabero, as a significant blow. France have improved since 1990, when we took them to the cleaners in that gale-strewn match.

I believe they are still trying to find their feet but, with Blanco in charge of them, you cannot afford to relax for one second. We did so, for just a second or two at Twickenham last March, and they scored at the other end.

We plan a fairly restrictive, pressure-type game and we hope to squeeze them out. We won in 1990 with that sort of game and hope to repeat it tomorrow. The French don't like that, they love freedom. But we will try to stop them playing. I believe we have the fire-power up front and defensive organisation and strength in the backs to squeeze them.

If we win, other sides left in the tournament will start to look up at us. And, in those other quarter-finals, I think New Zealand will win comfortably against Canada, Australia will be too strong for Ireland and, I suspect, Scotland are now on a roll and will just beat Western Samoa. Which, if we win in France, will give us an interesting journey to Edinburgh for the semi-final.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

Well, what went wrong, manager?

Graham Taylor (England, 1-0 winners over Turkey): "There seemed to be a smell about the game tonight and I felt that whatever I did, I could not change it. I do not know why we stopped hunting the game in the second half. I did not send on substitutes: I did not believe that I could alter the mood of the match and my feeling was to hold what we had and be grateful. I was surprised we did not put any pressure on Turkey. Why? I cannot answer that. The whole thing is difficult to explain."

Terry Yorath (Wales, 4-1 losers to Germany): "We did not function in any way and the Germans were in a different class to us. I am bitterly disappointed. It was a case of pressing the old destruction button. We said before the game we had to finish the match with 11 men or we had no chance, and we did not even manage that."

Andy Roxburgh (Scotland, 1-0 losers to Romania): "It's desperately upsetting to lose a game in that way. I'm proud of the effort the lads gave. Romania were shattered after 90 minutes. Just imagine how my players felt. We need all the fire-power we can muster next month.

Jack Charlton (Republic of Ireland, who drew 3-3 with Poland): "There were certain parts of our game I was pleased with and certain parts I wasn't. We don't normally play like that, and I didn't like what I saw. I dare not give my real opinion. It was the first time we've scored three in ages and the first time we've given away three goals like that."

Odds still favour England despite dour display

Taylor accuses his players of being negative

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

WHEN Graham Taylor examined the schedule of the European championship qualifying ties in group seven, he was convinced that November 13 would be the decisive day. He also believed that three nations would still be in contention. The predictions of the England manager were accurate, but only just.

The complexion changed dramatically in the last four minutes in Poznan on Wednesday night. Had Poland not equalised near the end, they would have been out of the running and the Republic of Ireland would have been favourites to win the group and go through to the finals in Sweden next summer.

The odds now lie in favour of England, who require at least a point in Poland next month to be sure of finishing on top. Should they lose, the Irish would be almost certain of qualifying on goal difference by beating Turkey.

If they do so by merely 1-0, Poland could overtake them by winning 5-0 or more — a margin so improbable that it can be discounted. England's destiny, therefore, is still in their own hands.

Taylor could offer no justification for the way in which his shapeless and listless team completed their last home tie. He conceded that, especially after the interval, "we played nothing football" — a candid and succinct description — and he accused some players of being too negative.

Yet he must accept a large proportion of the blame for designing such a lop-sided formation. Since there was no balance for Waddle, the midfield inevitably drifted towards the flank he occupied. At the start, the plan caused a surprise. To pursue it until the end was bemusing. It would have been more logical to allow Waddle to roam in a central position behind Lineker and Smith.

Robson could naturally have covered the left side of midfield, Platt the right, and Batty's limited qualities would have been adequate if he had acted as cover deep inbetween them. That is surely how the quartet would have been most suitably arranged, with Dixon and Pearce adding width.

Although Robson was far more subdued than he has ever been at Manchester United this season, and Platt's contribution was equally neglible, it would be harsh to criticise then. They were pieces of a jigsaw which did not fit. Batty, for all his waspish enthusiasm, is not yet worthy of a place in the side.

Nor can Lineker and Smith be admonished because the service they received was so poor. Yet Taylor, without mentioning anybody by name, felt that "there were certain situations when people did not accept responsiblity. They played it too safe".

Mystifyingly, under the circumstances, he chose not to introduce a sense of adventure. Steven or Merson could have operated on a wing to reinforce the threat posed by Waddle, for instance, and Beardsley might have enlivened the attack. Taylor preferred to protect the narrow lead supplied by Smith.

"You can make a substitution and it doesn't work," he explained. "And the team can get worse. My experience told me to leave it alone. I didn't want to lose the whole thing." In that case, it hardly seems fair to criticise his players for sharing the same view.

He believes that the Turks have improved rapidly since he watched them beaten 4-1 by Hungary and 5-0 by the Irish a year ago.

"I said then that the longer the team was kept together the harder they would be to beat," he said. "I don't think they are second rate."

Scoring, he admits, is their weakness. Since they have not claimed a single goal in five ties, that much is undeniable. They are also vulnerable in the air at the back. England's two goals in the matches against them were the product of crosses. The Irish are bound to expose the deficiency.

England must assume that they need to avoid defeat in Poznan if they are to earn the right to compete in Sweden. Taylor is unlikely to make many changes for the unnerving occasion. He posed the question himself. "Who do I bring in?"

McMahon for Batty would be one move. Employing three central defenders might be advisable as well, although the posture should not be excessively defensive. Above all, the midfield must be balanced so that everybody in it does not look out of place.

IAN STEWART

Looking up: Montgomerie during his improved performance against Calcavecchia at Wentworth

Calcavecchia finds no revenge

By Mel Webb

THE last time the British public saw Mark Calcavecchia, he was ending his contribution to the Ryder Cup in a blaze of mediocrity. Yesterday he barely saved himself from a similar exit from the Toyota World Match Play golf championship.

Calcavecchia was dormie four to Colin Montgomerie in their last-day singles at Kiawah Island last month, and finished, tears rolling from the shame of it, with a half. He was drawn against the same opponent in the first round on the West course at Wentworth yesterday, and this time Montgomerie won five and four.

Montgomerie played well enough, but he would have been the first to admit that Calcavecchia, the fast-talking, city-slick hustler from Laurel, New England, helped him so much that at times in the afternoon the American seemed outnumbered.

Montgomerie was two up after 18 holes, and on the third tee in the afternoon, Calcavecchia lost his hat to the gusting wind. Seven holes later, Montgomerie having taken six of them, he had lost his head, and by the 14th he had lost the match.

Montgomerie won just one of those holes fair and square, a 20-foot putt giving him a birdie three at the 4th. The other five, Calcavecchia, wafting the ball in all directions except the right one, had contrived to lose.

There were several strokes in contention for his worst in that stretch, but his second at the 9th won a stiffly-fought contest. After a decent enough drive, he pulled out a three-wood, clouted it, had a serious flirtation with the railway line on the left, did not even look for his ball, and, like Felix, just kept on walking. "They told me there was a lady in there, and I couldn't even see her, let alone the ball," he said. It was all rather sad.

At the turn, it seemed that Calcavecchia had lost his appetite for the fray, but with Montgomerie eight up, the 1989 Open champion kept himself in the match with a monstrous 60-foot putt to win the 11th. Then he took the 12th with a birdie three, and the 13th when Montgomerie conceded him a three-foot putt for another birdie. For the first time, the smile which had made regular guest appearances on Montgomerie's face was just a touch strained.

He need not have worried. At the par-three 14th he had two for the match from the back of the green and, calmly, he took both of them. At least this time Calcavecchia did not burst into tears.

TODAY: Quarter-finals (seeded positions in brackets): 0830 and 1300: I Woosnam (Wales) (1) v W Andrade (US). 0845 and 1315: S Ballesteros (Sp) (4) v F Couples (US). 0900 and 1330: N Faldo (Eng) (3) v C Montgomerie (Sco). 0915 and 1345: I Baker-Finch (Aus) (2) v N Price (Zimb).
TELEVISION: Today: BBC2: 1415-1730 (news at 1500 and 1550).

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Everton sign Jackson

MATTHEW Jackson, the Luton Town defender whose professional career encompasses just seven senior games, yesterday joined Everton in a surprise £600,000 transfer. Everton will pay Luton a further £300,000 if Jackson goes on to play for England.

Paul Mortimer moved from Aston Villa to Crystal Palace for £500,000 last night, just three months after joining the midlands club. The transfer involves a return to Selhurst Park for Mortimer, who was with Charlton Athletic, then tenants at the ground, before signing for Villa.

Nottingham Forest have announced a loss of over £1 million for the last financial year.

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Keble make Weston a victim of the times

By John Woodcock

"OXFORD is not the home of lost causes. Oxford is the castle that still defends causes that deserve to win." But even 50 years ago, when C. B. Fry wrote those words, he was wondering for how much longer they would ring true.

To him there were two types of university: those, like Oxford and Cambridge, which were intended as a preparation for life, and for any and every career, and depended to "an unrealised extent" on traditions: and those which amounted to "a higher high-school".

"Whether modern time is long enough for the former conception is a question. But hurry does not always mean progress." As a scholar and Corinthian, Fry was a legend even as an undergraduate. "He belonged — and it was his glory — to an age not obsessed by specialism," Neville Cardus said. Today, Fry would probably have to go to Durham to be allowed the sporting licence that he was at Oxford in the 1890s.

In the late summer of 1950, David Sheppard, now Bishop of Liverpool, and John Warr, who has had a distinguished career in various directions and is now chairman of the Racecourse Association, were asked to tour Australia and New Zealand with the MCC (now England) side.

They were both up at Cambridge at the time, each with two more years to do — Sheppard at Trinity Hall and Warr at Emmanuel. To accept MCC's invitation meant leaving England, by sea from Tilbury, on September 14, 1950, and not getting back until April 4, 1951: two whole terms away. Anxiously but eagerly, they sought permission to go, and they received it.

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"What splendid news for the college," Edward Welbourne, the Master of Emmanuel, exulted. If the senior tutor of Trinity Hall was not equally enthusiastic, it was, Bishop Sheppard says, because he was not that way inclined; but he made it his urgent business to find out how the great expedition could be undertaken without detriment to anyone. In Sheppard's case the possibility of an aegrotat for his part one exams was discussed but rejected. On their return, wiser in the ways of the world, Sheppard and Warr worked doubly hard.

So, I am sure, would Philip Weston have done, had Oxford's Keble College given him the chance. But times have indeed changed, and he ran into a senior tutor who proved less "enlightened" than his compatriots at the other place from whom Sheppard and Warr obtained mercy. Weston was informed that it would be unacceptable for him to absent himself even for the first two-and-a-half weeks of next year's Hilary Term in order to captain the Young England cricket side in Pakistan. The time taken would not have been compatible with academic demands ... "It would have been a breach of college regulations," Doctor Paul Hayes said.

Fry: a sporting license

But Doctor Hayes must not be allowed to promote the notion, as he has, that in a comparable situation in the 1970s, Imran Khan steadfastly refused to make himself available to play for Pakistan while studying at Keble — and that "what was good enough for Imran should be good enough for Philip Weston".

To put the facts straight, in the summer of 1974, Imran's second as an undergraduate, he played 31 first-class innings — 21 for Oxford and *six* for Pakistan in Tests against England. His cricketing prowess brought pride and distinction to Keble, and, in time, an honorary fellowship of the college to Imran himself.

To listen to some modern dons, you might suppose that Oxford and Cambridge never used to be primarily academic institutions. What they were not, to anything like the extent they have become, was hot-houses. Sportsmen of potentially heroic stature, so beloved of every society, tend now to be viewed, as they never used to be, with deep suspicion. I am not for one moment suggesting that Philip Weston is of that calibre; but I do believe that Keble would have been a little sunnier next summer for its *alumni* being able just to hop across the road to the University Parks for the odd half-hour, to see how his cover drive was working, and that it is a misconception which will prevent their doing so.

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